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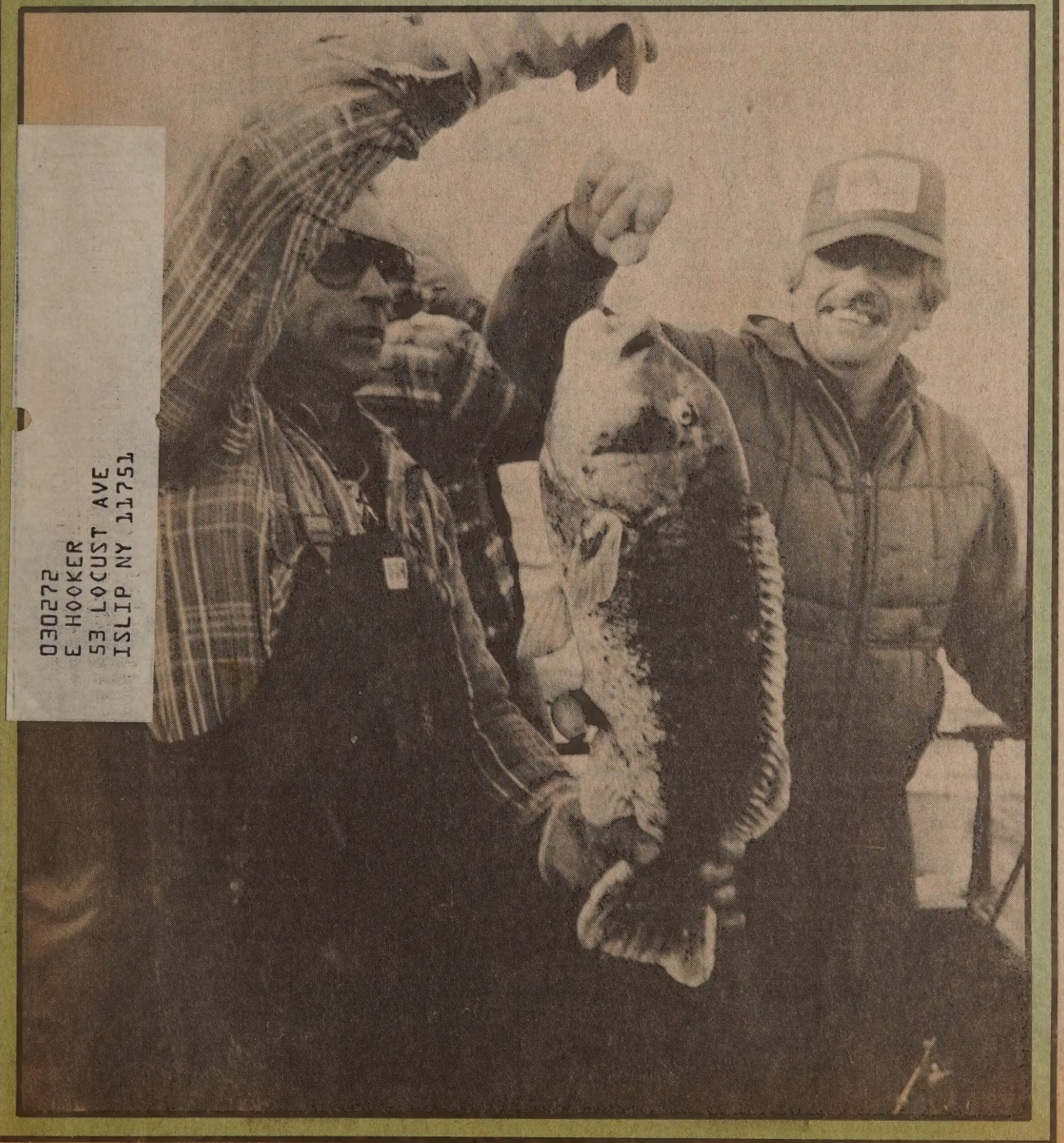

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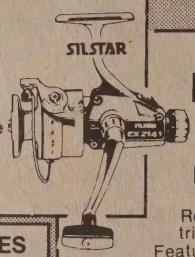

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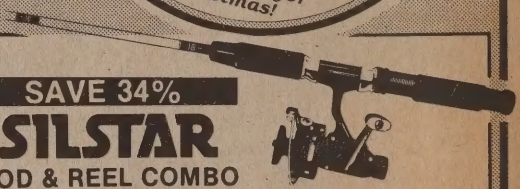

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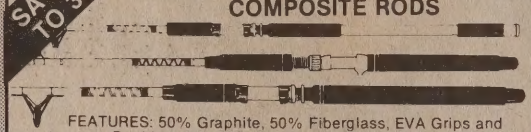

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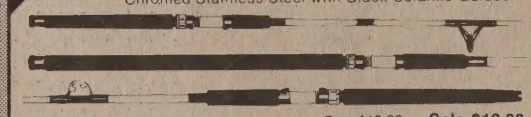

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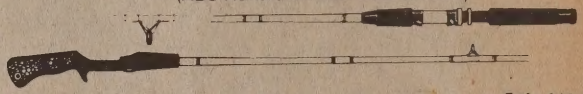

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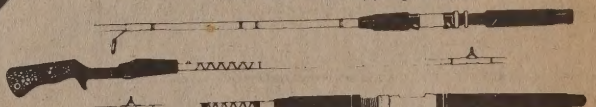

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EDITORIAL

FISHING ADVISORY BOARD AND L.I.S.P.R.C.: PARTNERS FOR A BETTER PRESENT AND FUTURE

It has been awhile since we've discussed the workings of the Fishing Advisory Board (FAB). It's easy to neglect these reports since there have been virtually no problems in the last few years. The Long Island State Parks and Recreation Commission and the FAB meet regularly to establish rules and regulations for permits, to discuss access and to see a bit into the future with an idea of avoiding problems and maximizing use of the state parks.

At this juncture, over six years after the creation of the FAB, vandalism has been reduced, access improved, Montauk property purchased for the future, and a partnership established that considers many mutual problems in a positive and constructive manner. Consider the erosion problems of recent years—Gilgo, in particular. This year as an example the beach at Gilgo will be opened soon (may be open by the time this issue is on the stands) due to a build-up of sand, a mutual interest in both protecting the beach and providing access to anglers, and a fishermen-backed cleanup of beach debris under the coordination of L.I.B.B.A.

The re-opening of Gilgo was only one of several important topics discussed at the last meeting of the Commission and the FAB on Thursday, October 24, 1985. Other topics were also discussed.

The Commission and the FAB will meet again in early December to finalize the rules and regulations for fishing and beach vehicle permits for 1986. It is doubtful there will be many changes, but one of the topics that will be discussed will be the fee instituted this year for night fishing permits. The FAB will meet shortly to review data provided on this subject.

Also on the agenda for the November FAB meeting will be a growing problem at Montauk. The problem centers around Commission reports of facility abuses during peak use times. There is no sense that this is a major problem, but the FAB will review the information provided by the Commission and seek recommendations.

Long Island anglers may again participate in Christmas Tree plantings this winter along Island beaches at state parks in an attempt to stall erosion.

Also discussed was a request from the FAB for night access to Robert Moses field 4 in the fall. The Commission will get back to the FAB on this matter in December.

Of course, there is the usual assortment of minor transgressions to be discussed at each joint meeting of the Commission and the FAB. For example, each fall there is a contingent of surfers who insist on trying their boards at West End II. Stepped up enforcement corrects this easily. Change-over in personnel at the end of the season usually equates to a few fishermen being turned away from fishing designated areas in error. These minor problems are handled and corrected routinely.

The Fisherman will be reporting in January on the rules, regulations, and permit system that will be used for 1986. Please look to these issues for more details.

Please remember that the FAB represents surf fishermen to the Long Island State Parks and Recreation Commission. If you have questions, complaints, or ideas, please feel free to send them to The Fisherman, care of myself. We assure you your contributions will be aired at subsequent joint meetings.

We believe we are now at an important crossroads. We believe the time has come for townships to consider the establishment of local FAB groups to help towns provide access while minimizing social and economic problems associated with the use of the beach by fishermen.

William A. Muller

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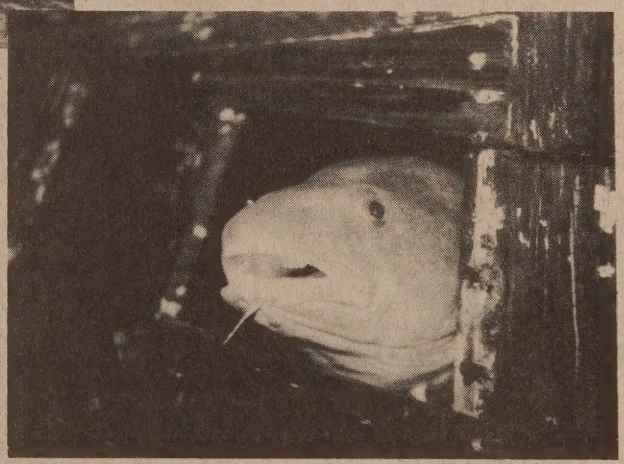

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American hunters and fishermen spent over a half a billion dollars in license and permit fees—a new record—to pursue their sports in 1984, according to the Interior Department's Fish and Wildlife Service.

According to data from State fish and wildlife agencies, $552 million was spent in 1984 for the purchase of hunting and fishing licenses, tags, permits, and stamps. The total number of license holders, however, dropped slightly from 45,503,447 in 1983 to 45,034,168 in 1984.

Comparing 1984 figures with those of the previous year shows that although the number of licensed hunters fell from 16,372,904 in 1984 to 16,018,250 in 1984, the revenues from hunting licenses rose from $277 million in 1983 to $292 million in 1984. Similarly, licensed fishermen dropped slightly in number from 29,130,543 in 1983 to 29,015,918 in 1984, while, again, fishing license revenues rose from $244 million in 1983 to $260 million in 1984.

Minor fluctuations in the number of hunters and anglers from year to year are not unusual. Weather, changes in state hunting and fishing regulations, economic conditions, and other factors can all affect the number of people who participate in hunting and fishing in any given year.

States finance most of their fish and wildlife management programs with the revenues from the sale of hunting and fishing licenses and from federal aid programs administered by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Under the Federal Aid in Fish and Wildlife Restoration programs, the amount of funding each State, Commonwealth and Territory receives is determined in part by their number of license holders. They are reimbursed for up to 75 percent of the cost of approved projects undertaken to benefit their fish and wildlife resources. The sources of these funds are excise taxes collected by manufacturers on various types of hunting and fishing equipment. For the fiscal year which ends September 30, 1985, approximately $114 million was apportioned in federal aid funds for fish and wildlife conservation.

The wildlife portion of the Service's Federal Aid program, popularly known as the "Pittman-Robertson" program, will mark its 50-year anniversary in 1987. Under this federal-state partnership, more than $1.4 billion in sportsmens' excise tax dollars have been channeled into wildlife management, research and land acquisition projects. The Fish and Wildlife Service has scheduled a series of commemorative events throughout 1986-87 to honor the contributions that sportsmen and other conservationists have made to restoring the Nation's fish and wildlife resources.

Using the federal aid dollars that are apportioned to the States, Commonwealths, and Territories on the basis of their number of license holders and land and water area, individual fish and game agencies finance a variety of management projects based on local needs and priorities. In 1984, for example, under the Dingell/Johnson fish restoration program, Idaho undertook investigations of chinook salmon and steelhead recreational fisheries in many of its rivers, while Arkansas fertilized state lakes and nursery ponds. Hawaii continued its development and operation of artificial reefs; similarly, surface, deepwater and reef fishes.

Under the "Pittman-Robertson" wildlife program, an equally diverse series of state projects was supported. Illinois developed nesting cover for ringneck pheasants and other ground-nesting wildlife. The Commonwealth of Puerto Rico made a number of capital developments and habitat improvements in its public lands, while New Jersey undertook various wetlands investigations and surveys. Maine gathered data necessary for management of moose, black bear and deer herds.

BATHYMETRIC FISHING MAPS

The National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration's National Ocean Service (NOS), has been engaged in the production of bathymetric maps for a number of years. The products have generated considerable interest and demand from sport and commercial fishermen. The fishermen are interested in the maps because they portray a very detailed picture of the sea floor unavailable from any other source.

There is a consensus among fishermen familiar with the maps that they are extremely useful, but can be made even more useful with the addition of three other features. Specifically, fishermen asked for the addition of Loran C coordinates, known bottom obstructions and the distribution and types of bottom sediments. NOS has now produced a set of bathymetric fishing maps at a scale of 1:250,000 for the entire Gulf of Mexico Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) leasing area. The series consists of forty maps depicting numbered depth contours, undersea features, the federal OCS leasing grid, and pipelines and platforms existing at the time of map compilation. The availability of these new bathymetric fishing maps will be

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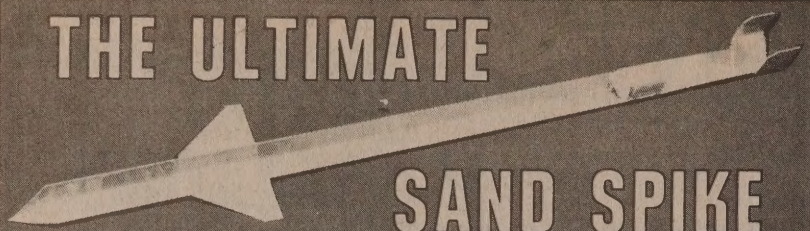

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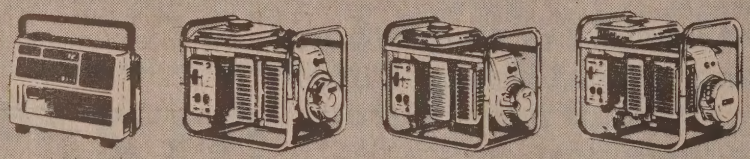

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IGFA TO EXPAND ALL-TACKLE PROGRAM

If your favorite sport fish is not among the 151 species listed by the International Game Fish Association (IGFA) in their current world record programs, you may now have an opportunity to set an all-tackle world record!

IGFA has announced that it is revising and expanding its all-tackle world record program by opening it to game fish species not currently on their record lists (past catches included) and by reviewing well documented applications for past catches that exceed their current listings.

All-tackle records are maintained for the heaviest fish of a species caught according to IGFA angling rules on any line up to 60 kg (130 lb) class. The listings are being expanded to recognize catches of species which, though popular in various fishing areas, have never been documented in a world record program. The evolution of the all tackle program to date has also excluded recognition of past catches in instances where new species have been added over the years.

Effective immediately, IGFA will begin accepting applications for "all tackle" recognition of species whether or not they are included among the world record species in the association's *1985 World Record Game Fishes* book. This applies to both fresh and salt water fishes.

Catches made on or after January 1, 1985 must be in accordance with the then current IGFA angling rules and world record requirements. The angler must complete the IGFA world record application form in its entirety and submit the required data and information.

For catches made in the past, as much information as possible must be submitted on an IGFA world record application form with additional substantiating data. It will be mandatory that acceptable photographs be submitted and that the weight of the fish can be positively verified and the method of catch substantiated.

Applications for "new species" must conform to the following requirements in addition to published IGFA rules:

1. The fish must represent a valid species with a recognized scientific name.

2. The fish must be a species commonly fished for with rod and reel in the general area where the catch is made.

3. The fish must be identifiable based on photos and other supporting data presented with the application.

4. The fish must be considered

"trophy sized." A rule of thumb will be that the weight must fall within the top half of the estimated maximum weight of the species. (The minimum weight requirement for any IGFA recod is 1 lb. (0.45 kg).

The first new listing of all tackle records was announced in January, 1985, at which time appropriate certificates were issued for the largest approved catches. Entries in IGFA's Annual Fishing Contest (including validated entries from past years) will also be considered for all tackle recognition. No new species will be recognized or added to the record system during the calendar year of 1985.

All tackle record applications for species currently included in IGFA's record program will be processed and awarded during 1985.

Decisions by IGFA's Executive Committee regarding acceptance or rejection of record claims will be final.

"We are undertaking this revised and expanded record program," said IGFA President E.K. Harry, "in order to recognize all sport fish of interest to anglers worldwide and so that our all tackle listings will truly reflect the heaviest catches made in a sporting manner on rod and reel, whether past or present."

A current copy of our 1985 IGFA world record rules and requirements is available for US $1 to cover cost, postage and handling. Address all requests and communications to: IGFA, World Record Department, 3000 East Las Olas Blvd., Fort Lauderdale, FL 33316-1616 USA.

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CANNON DOWNRIGGER

by Russ Wilson

A few years ago I outfitted my center console with a pair of manually operated downriggers and immediately discovered just how much work those lift and crank jobs were when fishing alone or with only one other angler. Quite often I enjoyed the thrill of a double hook-up, and the problems that went with it, when only one angler was available to crank in the downrigger weights, steer the boat and handle one of the hooked fish. The old adage of being busier than a one-armed paperhanger certainly applied in this situation.

This past season I bought a pair of Cannon Digi-Troll downriggers. And after the first trip became a convert to downrigger fishing with electrically powered units. Gone was the disappointment of having to fight the fish and the downrigger weights.

The Digi-Troll units are a blessing to use, especially if you fish alone, as I often do when seeking blues, stripers or weakfish that inhabit mid-depth waters. The control panel, mounted atop the unit has a series of keys which govern the operation of the unit and that's what makes the Digi-Troll a useful tool for anyone who does a lot of deep water trolling. By simply pressing the key that controls depth, you can raise or lower the downrigger line without touching the reel that holds the reserve cable. When a fish hits you simply grab the rod, press the "Raise" key and the unit automatically raises the downrigger weight so it is up and out of the way.

A built-in memory feature allows you to store two depths, then recall either one with a touch of the keyboard. A nice feature, and one that we found useful when trolling inshore waters is the "Auto-Up" key. When using this feature you simply press the "Auto-Up" and the unit will raise the downrigger weight to the water's surface and stop. Press the "Auto-Up" key a second time and the unit raises the weight to full lift position so you can re-set the lures and get them back in the water quickly with little loss of trolling time.

The memory feature really proved its worth when trolling the inshore lumps. There are two memory keys on the unit: "M-1" and "M-2." By pressing the depth (in feet) you wish to store in the memory and then pressing "M-l,"

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you retain that depth for future use. When you want to recall the "M-1" from memory, you simply press the key and the unit will lower the weight and lure to the depth you previously selected. The "M-2" feature operates the same way.

A digital display on the top of the downrigger indicates the depth at which your downrigger weights are running, so you can quickly see exactly where the lures are in relation to fish readings you see on your depth recorder. It is a winning combination as we discovered when trolling for blues that were stacked 60 to 70 feet beneath the surface.

Another feature of the Digi-Troll is the 'Cycle" operation. With this you can pre-set (a time) a program that will raise and lower the lures at five foot intervals based on the amount of time lapse you select. In actual use, the "Cycle" operation will allow you to troll at 60 feet of 15, 30, 45, 60, 75 or 90 seconds, and will then raise the lures five feet for a similar length of time before returning the lure to its original depth.

I tried this feature the first time out with the units and it really proved how important raising and lowering the lures can be. Blues or weakfish may stack up vertically, rather than on a horizontal line and by using the cycle you can cover a greater amount of fish holding water.

We mounted our units on swivel bases so we could operate the weights out and away from the hull. The Cannon Company offers both stationary and swivel base mounts, but for all practical purposes, we do recommend the swivel base since it not only keeps lines out from the boat, but also swings in so we can reset the lines or quickly change lures.

Cannon offers a quick release clip for attaching the line to the downrigger weight. We used the company model and also rigged a release clip just above the standard downrigger weight. Both arrangements worked, as did a system shown us by Dick Julylia when fishing the reefs off Key West for black grouper. Julylia uses a regular rubber band to attach his lures to the downrigger cable and when a fish hits, the force of the strike breaks the rubber band. After pressing the up key, Julylia has but to attach another rubber band to the downrigger cable and he is back in business in a matter of seconds.

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THE TACKLE DOCTOR

by Russ Wilson

Dear Doctor,

I would like to live line spot in the surf this fall; however, I can't imagine pitching a whole spot plus four ounces of lead very far into the suds. I have heard of using the dog-run method of live lining bait, but am not very familiar with it. Can you describe this method for me, including the terminal rigs used? *Christopher Hogan.*

Dear Christopher,

I certainly can describe the "dog-run" method of live lining, but I do not recommend it for the type of live lining you intend to do. The Dog Run technique requires the use of a heavy sinker. This is cast well out from your position on pier, jetty or surf and the rod is then securely anchored in a holder or tied to the pier.

You can then run a live bait down the line by attaching it to the fishing line via a snap swivel that is tied to a short length of leader so the bait will be able to swim freely as it slides down the line toward the pre-anchored sinker. In theory, this technique works perfectly but, in actual usage, it has some drawbacks.

Smaller baits, of which the spot is one, can be cast out and away from your shore position without too much harm to the tender bait. You can then use tackle more suited to the fish you seek. With the pre-set arrangement you must stick to heavyweight tackle and that may be too much for the fish you seek. By casting a spot or any other small baitfish directly, you have control of how and where it swims. This may not seem like it is very important, but when attempting to catch some species of game fish, positioning the bait is critical.

We've known some fishermen who used the dog-run to anchor a sinker and then used a second rod to which the bait was attached in the normal fashion and then allowed to slide down the pre-set outfit. When a fish hit they would simply yank back on the rod to "pop" the lighter line free of the heavyweight anchor line and then fight their catch on light tackle. We've used a regular flat line clip or a clothespin arrangement for this purpose and find it does work effectively. It will, however, occasionally wrap itself around the set line and you then must retrieve both lines simultaneously.

First try presenting a live bait with your regular tackle and if you find it does not work, go to the dog-run system. I'd almost bet you will go light to enjoy the fight of any fish you do hook on the live spot.

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Dear Doc,

I am going to Key West for the first time and I am driving down by car and will have room to carry my fishing gear.

I was wondering if you could tell me what fishing gear to take, such as rods, line, lures and such.

I'll be heading south soon. I wrote to the Keys for info from an article I read in a previous issue, as I am a subscriber, but was sent only vague information. I am sure others who read The Fisherman would be interested in the same kind of information. Thank you.

Frank Lonbardo.

Dear Frank,

You fail to mention what kind of fish you are hoping to catch, but I assume you will be fishing the flats, maybe the Harbor and also some reef (bottom type) fishing, and if you are lucky, a shot or two at the big game species which inhabit relatively close inshore areas.

Here goes: for the flats and other shallow water fishing where your main target will be tarpon, bonefish and maybe permit, you will need a mid-weight casting or spinning outfit. Line test will vary, but we've always had good success when spooling our casting reels with 15 to 20 pound test and our spinning outfits with line of similar pound test.

Those Key West Harbor tarpon come big. The fish average 100 or better and we have hooked 200 pound tarpon on occasion. A heavy duty spinning or conventional type rod matched with a large line capacity reel that's filled with 20 lb. test mono should get the job done. You will be fishing at anchor in the harbor and most of the fish will be hitting bait or a bucktail/bait combo. Occasionally, mid-size MirroLures are used, also with heavy duty tackle. A big tarpon is one tough customer and you will need tackle that is capable of holding one that decides to head out of the harbor or directly off into the Atlantic.

Most of the flats fishing is done when casting from a drifting boat. You can chase the fish, so you probably will not need too much beef in your equipment. Barracuda are always a possibility, so make sure you carry some wire leaders to avoid bite-offs from these toothy critters. Yellow surgical tubes rigged with treble hooks are a favorite of many experienced barracuda fishermen, but plugs, spoons and natural baits will also catch plenty of barracuda for you.

I'd also bring one lightweight casting or spinning outfit that is along the lines of what you would use when seeking weakfish, blues or school size striped bass. This is ideal for tackling with bonefish, small tarpon or groupers, snappers and other bottom fish including yellowtails and blue runners. With the lightweight gear you can enjoy the fight these lesser species provide and still be in a position to handle a larger fish should one grab your bucktail or bait.

Reef fishing is an entirely different ball game. Some of the Atlantic side reefs harbor big amberjacks and you won't handle these nasty brutes on flimsy gear. Strong boat rods or heavy duty spinning tackle will get the job done, but only after a long hard-fought battle. You should carry at least one heavy boat rod for this type of fishing and have at least one extra spool for the reel. You will lose a lot of ambers to the reefs and wrecks, but believe me, they are one heck of a fish to catch.

Gulf Coast wrecks will probably have some permit, cobia and lots of cuda, snappers, yellowtails and blue runners. If you get a chance to fish the wrecks, bring several outfits of varying weights so you can enjoy whatever happens along. We've caught cobia to over 50 pounds and can attest to their fighting and eating qualities. We do like fishing for cobia!

Unless you know the offshore waters, you probably won't do much fishing for sails or marlin. If you do plan to fish for these glamour species, I suggest you arrange a charter well in advance, for the Key West charter boats are usually booked months ahead of the actual fishing season for billfish. Once you learn where to fish, you can attempt it on your own. The billfish waters are not very far off and many tourists who trailer boats fish them extensively when sails or marlin are running.

Once you arrive at Key West and get set up in a motel or hotel, you might want to visit a couple of the marinas where charter and private boat owners gather. It's a good place to pick up bits and pieces of info on current fishing opportunities. We usually stop at Boog Powell's Anglers Marina on Stock Island and at Oceanside Marina on the Atlantic side of the Key. Both shops cater to tourists as well as year-round residents and fresh bait is always available at both locations. You should enjoy a memorable trip. Key West is one nice spot.

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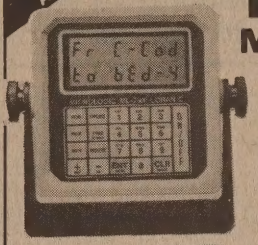

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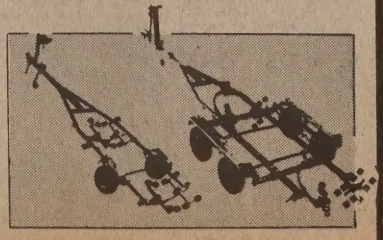

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OLD GREEDY GUS

by Matt Ahern

Few fish are more cooperative when it comes time for open boat anglers to put some meat on the table.

No question about it, ling are the answer to the meat fisherman's prayer. Few fish are so willing to co-operate with the angler. I can't recall a time when I've gone ling fishing and failed to score; hence the reason for this fish's popularity.

Most ling are caught from party boats, but many private boat fishermen with suitable deep-water craft spend much time enticing these tasty relatives of the cod to the baited hook. Most fishermen quickly discover that the important thing about ling fishing is not in knowing how to catch the fish, but in knowing when to stop. It is easy to get carried away when Old Greedy Gus latches onto the bait the instant it reaches bottom.

I guess you might say ling are great fish for beginning sinker bouncers.

Sure, I know you will hear fishermen say they wouldn't be caught dead while fishing for ling. But except for those few who truly have prejudice against ling, most of this talk is just that—talk. And because these fish have also been the innocent victims of many disparaging remarks over the years, you may still hear fishermen refer to them as "sewer trout," or even perhaps that oldie "Coney Island trout," plus an assortment of other ill-chosen names. But slowly and surely this unfair name-calling is losing ground as more and more fishermen realize ling aren't such bad guys after all.

If you doubt this, ask the party boat skippers who fish ling in the waters of Long Island and New Jersey. They'll tell you these willing biters have come through in many a pinch to save what would have been a poor fishing day. You'll even find some skippers who devote their entire fishing day to ling (especially in spring), and because of this, they have many ling devotees as regular patrons. Truly, ling have their place on the list of good fish to catch.

Ling are cool water fish. Therefore, except for anglers who fish the deeper offshore grounds, plus selected areas known to skippers who specialize, few ling are caught during August and September. Those ling caught during these months are likely to be pretty good-sized. Seldom will you find those run-of-the-mill 1½ to 2 pounders so common in spring and fall.

During autumn, most ling are found in fairly deep water. November codfishermen are never surprised when ling come over the rail. This means that suitable tackle capable of landing fish in water of 50 to 100 feet is necessary. Codfishing tackle is okay, of course, but not the best choice if you just wish to do some plain old ling fishing.

For this, it is best to use a medium weight boat rod. I would suggest putting the spinning gear on hold. This whippy stuff cannot handle the 8 to 10 ounce bank sinkers required to hold bottom in most areas when fall ling fishing. And, too, the current on these deep water grounds will often cause a belly in the line, meaning you've got to use a rod stiff enough to take up slack and still have enough oomph to plant the hook. A word to the wise...

I'll tell you the truth: I'd sooner fish with a handline than hook ling with a spinning outfit. And what if you hook a cod? This is always a possibility during late fall. Use the right tackle and you'll have no difficulty hooking the available ling.

Fill a good quality revolving spool reel with at least 150 yards of 30 pound test monofilament line. Many ling fishermen prefer 20 pound test, but I believe the heavier line is best in fall simply because a cod might be nosing around.

Any hook of suitable size will do a job on ling, but you might as well have it right. As far as I'm concerned, nothing in the hook department for ling beats a regular shanked 3/0 or 4/0 Sproat. You'll also find that the versatile Sproat is the right type should a stray cod consider your offering worthy enough to investigate.

These sizes are smaller than most recommended cod hooks, but they will hold an outsized fish without difficulty should you be fortunate enough to luck into one. Just remember not to become over-confident and to take your time decking such hefty fish. Over the years I've caught my share of cod on these smaller Sproats while ling fishing and don't remember losing one due to hook failure.

Sharp-toothed whiting are often caught while ling fishing and because of this, you'll find some anglers use long-shanked Carlisle hooks. This, they tell me, they do to avoid those needle-like teeth when removing a deeply-swallowed hook. Because I

believe more ling are caught on Sproat hooks than Carlisles, I don't find this reason enough to use a long-shanked hook. Stick with the Sproat and don't worry about a whiting's teeth—they aren't bluefish! Grasp your whiting's slim body around the gill covers and squeeze. You'll have little difficulty getting that hook out. Remember, you're out there to catch fish and not to fret over something that rarely happens.

Rigging for ling is no problem. There are two ways to do this; each depends upon where and how the fishing is done. You'll find that in fall, most ling fishing is done over unobstructed mud bottom, or a mixture consisting of mud, sand, and shale. When fishing such areas, the chances of becoming hung-up are nil, therefore, you'll find a tandem rig that allows two hooks to be extended on bottom is best.

To tandem tie is a simple matter. Select one of two hooks and fold its snell at the middle. Pass this fold through the knotted loop of the second. Take the second hook and pass it through the fold and draw up tight. Complete by tying a simple overhand knot to prevent slipping. Place the completed rig on the main line, about three inches above the sinker, by forming a two inch loop made with a double overhand knot. This is a simple, efficient rig-up and assures your two hooks are always on bottom—where they must be to catch ling. Incidentally, it is a good idea to add a third hook about three feet above the sinker to entice a few whiting or a possible cod.

Wreck fishing for ling during fall is a so-so proposition. I'm sure you find more on open bottom at this time, but if you'd like to give it a try, do it this way. Dispense with the tandem rig. Instead, place one hook two inches above the sinker and the second about 18 inches above it—or high enough to avoid tangling. You'll find most ling will seize the bottom hook, but any cod or roaming pollock will latch on to that second hook. (Ling will, too, at times, and these are usually better than average size.)

Bait is never a problem, for Old Greedy Gus will seize just about anything offered. Skimmer clam is popular. When using this, it isn't necessary to use cod-sized pieces; just slice a half inch from the whole bait and make sure it contains some of the soft stomach, for this is what ling (and all bottom-feeding fish) relish. Expose the hook point—ling never notice.

If conditions warrant, save time rebaiting by using a slice of bergall or whiting. Two inch strips of squid will produce, too. Ling strips make good bait, but tend to get soft after one or two fish. Bergall strips are best of all. Don't scale.

Ling are so greedy, there is never a problem setting the hook. They aren't a bit tricky and rarely does the fisherman fail to nail his fish at the first bite. In fact, if jigging is done over open bottom, say in one foot sweeps of the rod tip, ling will hook themselves without effort on your part.

Much ling fishing is done at anchor, but when conditions are right for a slow drift, this method is perhaps best of all. Clam shells and mashed whole skimmer can be used for chum when fishing at anchor. Just be sure the bits and pieces aren't too small. If they are, the current will carry them off too far to do you much good. For best results (if you can afford it), use cracked whole skimmer and drop them close to boat side, near your line. They're heavy and won't move off too far.

Because ling are soft fleshed, clean them as quickly as possible—especially if the day is warmish. Ling scale easily, so easy, in fact, it can be done with your fingernails, though it isn't recommended that you do so. (Just don't let your ling dry out; if you do, the skin will tear.) When gutted and beheaded on board, your ling will be in prime condition when you arrive home.

You'll find ling good eating (many commercial fish sticks are made from them). If you have a deep freeze, get out there when you hear ling fishing is heating up. One or two trips will give you many delicious meals over the winter. At the price of food today, what more can you expect from Old Greedy Gus than that?

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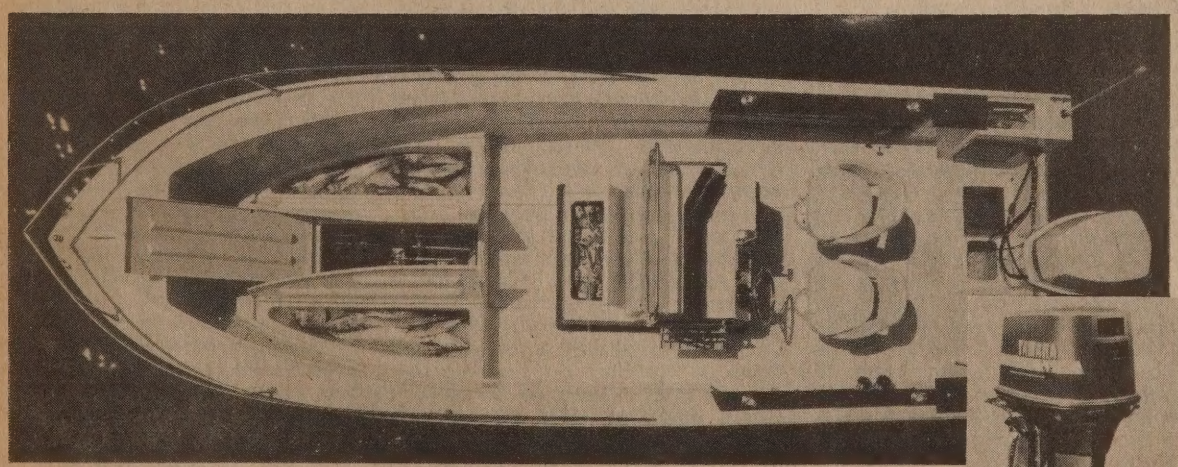

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ZERO IN ON WEST END FLATTIES

by Capt. Pete Mikoleski

The south shore's western bays are dotted with prime flounder spots. Here's how to find them.

Another flounder season is upon us; so it's time to put away those killey traps and dig out the old chum pot. Much has been written about the various techniques used to entice our local flatties to the hook, but I guess it's for fear of giving up some 'Top Secret Information,' that not too much is mentioned about exactly where to find them! Most of the western south shore bays have their own population of flounder to offer, but mastering every single flounder technique on this earth will still do you no good if you don't know where to fish for them! I don't profess to know all the local honey holes, but with a little help from some of my friends, I'm willing to survey the productive areas between Rockaway Inlet and Jones Inlet and point out where you're likely to find a few fall flatties. Don't expect to hear about any new "hotspots," for in reality there are new spots to be found. I'm just going to try and make it easy for you to locate some of the acreage that gets a thorough workout by the local flounder pounders. Here you will find a few of the spots that seem to consistently produce for those certain individuals who have put in their time and unlocked **the key** to fishing their areas successfully.

Small craft chart #12352 will make it much easier to locate the places which I'm going to point out. It's also a good idea to make some notations right on the chart when you've found a productive spot. We'll start off with the Jones Inlet area and work our way west from there.

The first area that comes to mind around Jones Inlet is Sloop Channel, which is found directly east of the Meadowbrook Bridge. Plenty of fat flounder are yanked from the depths of that channel between the bridge and Haunts Creek. Haunts Creek which is a little further east is productive and so is Broad Creek channel which lies to the north and a bit west. Easily accessible from the town of Merrick is East Bay (be careful of the shallow flats, stay in the channel) and Merrick Bay to the west. Navigation between Broad Creek Channel and East Bay is tricky at best and should be left to those with an intimate knowledge of the area. Some good areas to fish local to the town of Freeport include, appropriately named, Freeport Creek, and to the south, Long Creek. Still heading south, we come to Sea Dog Creek to the west and our next drop will be in Swift Creek which is still a bit to the south and east and lies parallel to the Meadowbrook Parkway. These aforementioned spots produce quite a bit of flounder for the Freeport party boat fleet. So when these spots are hot, it won't be a secret for long. Just look for the anchored party boats. If we venture forth back down to Sloop Channel we'll come to the area situated in front of the Short Beach Coast Guard Station (near Day marker #8) which has been very good to those seeking some big flounder almost all year long! The waters around Point Lookout in Reynolds Channel, has its moments, especially the bottom in front of the Jones Beach Fishing Piers. A lack of familiarity with the waters adjacent to the town of Baldwin prevents me from giving any precise details, but I know the deeper parts of Baldwin Bay and Middle Bay yield some nice fish. Further west down Reynolds Channel, between buoys 20 and 16 is some nice soft bottom found near the south side of the channel close to shore.

Cinder Creek to the north is another worthwhile site, but be careful because it's narrow and shallow and lacks sufficient aids to navigation to mark the channel which is about 8 feet deep. The bottom of Reynolds Channel between Cinder Creek and Garretts Lead is interesting to say the least. There are quite a few holes and also a few high spots between buoys 12 and 11 that might attract a few flounder. Garretts Lead which is well marked, and Barnums Channel to the northwest, is easily navigable and also harbors some frisky flatties. The next creek to the west is marked Shell Creek on the chart, but I believe that it used to be known as Schaeffer's Creek sometime ago, and is still affectionately referred to by Matt Ahern, an expert sinker bouncer in his own right. We've taken many flounder from the water that's about 20 feet deep approximately halfway up the creek. Back to reynolds Channel again, the area in front of the high school and the Long Beach Hospital also produces flounder for some diligent worm dunkers. Continuing further west under the Long Beach Bridge and past the L.I.R.R. trestle we come to the area that I call home. I may tend to get a little long-winded here and take up a lot of space, but this is only because I am more familiar with this area and fish it most of the time. I don't mean to imply that this region is better than any other; it's just that I have my finger on its pulse, so to speak.

The area on the west side of the railroad trestle between the tracks and Hog Island Channel is a very good bet, especially near can #1. Cruising north up Hog Island Channel leads us to a number of depressions with very soft bottoms that will hold fish. The western edge of the channel between cans 3, 5, 7, 9 and 11 has produced well for me in the past. The deep, middle portion of the channel between buoys 7 and 9 is particularly good when the current abates. Back to Reynolds Channel again heading due west buoy 9 and the cement block gave up some of my biggest fish this spring. It wasn't an uncommon sight to see flounder fishermen using fluke nets to land their catches here early this spring! This place always draws a crowd whether the fish are cooperating or not. If you don't have any fish within a half hour or so, haul anchor and move to greener pastures. A little further west across from the school is Broad Channel that leads directly north. The part of the channel between buoy B11 and day markers B13 and B15 has a sandy bottom that sometimes holds fish. This is a pretty good spot to fish on a very windy day—you'll find yourself in the lee of the shore on both sides. Further north and stretching to the west is Woodsburg Channel. At times any section of this small channel is likely to be hot. Duck Point around near buoy A6 is a good starting point and is one of the first spots to appear in the early flounder reports every season. Further north and up the channel there are some deep holes found around buoys A12, A14 and A20 that are worthy of investigation. The most important thing to remember when fishing around here is to anchor correctly. If you swing too much, using two anchors can make the difference between just fishing and catching fish! Back down through Reynolds

Channel and heading due west again we'll find some smooth bottom that flounder like to cuddle up in between buoys 5 and 7 up tight to Hicks Beach. If you search the area carefully your chart recorder will show you a couple of depressions near the beach that can be counted on to attract a few fish. Further west down Reynolds Channel we'll come across the Cedarhurst Yacht Club located on the northern edge of the channel between buoys 1 and 3. The flats adjacent to either side of the yacht club is another early hot-spot. The flats all along this side of the channel between the yacht club and the Atlantic Beach Bridge have some nice holes that bottom out at about 15 feet that produced extremely well earlier this season. It's just a matter of working your way up or down this side of the channel until you find a hole that's filled with fish. When you do, you can just sit there the whole tide and pull fish. The bottom just east of the Atlantic Beach Bridge on both the north and south side of the channel is littered with patches of mussel bottom that attracts a fair amount of flounder, sea bass and small porgies. The currents can get pretty wild here, so save this spot for slack water. A few years ago, we did pretty good on flounder just inside East Rockaway Inlet (Debbs Inlet) right on top of the sandy beaches between the jetties of Far Rockaway around Beach 8th Street. To be honest we haven't had to venture that far west the last couple of seasons, but it's still worth a shot.

I have not had the opportunity to do too much fishing in the Sheepshead Bay area until just recently. As of late I have been teaming up with Captain Tom Hastings and relieving the Sheepshead Bay area of some of its prime groundfish. Although Tom is an accomplished fisherman all around, he's a die-hard flounder pounder at heart. He knows the local areas very well and has been gracious enough to share some of his hard earned knowledge with us. Unfortunately, small craft charts for this area are practically non-existent. However, the larger standard size chart #12350 will be helpful if you want to use it as a guide. The first spot we're going to mention is actually located in Rockaway Inlet itself. When entering the inlet from offshore, try fishing that section of the inlet where the rocks of the jetty end and the sandy beach begins. The water is about 15 to 20 feet deep here with a sandy bottom that's littered with patches of mussel beds. Directly across the inlet about a mile to the north is Manhattan Beach. Look for buoy #2 approximately 1/2 mile off the beach; this marks the edge of the Plum Beach Flats. Use your depth recorder again to find the low spots on the flats which hole some jumbo flounder. Back towards the middle of the inlet you'll find The Roundhouse which sits on sort of a plateau and is a great shallow water spot. Diagonally across from the Plum Beach Flats and about 400 yards east of the Roundhouse is a pier called Kennedy's Pier. It's located midway between buoys 16 and 18. The pier is situated directly behind a restaurant which is a fair sized low lying building with an easily identifiable brown roof which makes it a good landmark. Fish right off the end of the pier in 20 to 25 feet of water. Next on the western end of Barren Island we have the remnants of another pier, diagonally across from buoy 2, near the ramp on Floyd Bennett Field. The water here is almost 30 feet deep and is a nice cozy spot for some husky flatties. Fish up tight to the end and the south side of the remains of the pier. Last, but not least, we have the Silver Hole located in Jamaica Bay which is clearly marked by buoy 19 way down Beach Channel. As of this writing (middle of October), an early flounder expedition produced a few fish in most of these spots. Right now with the water temperature hovering betwen 61 to 63 degrees, this is a good sign that the fish are pretty well distributed but still sluggish. As water temperatures drop to the high 50s, flounder season should shift into high gear.

SURE FIRE METHODS FOR FALL STEELHEAD

Part Two — *by Lou Truppi*

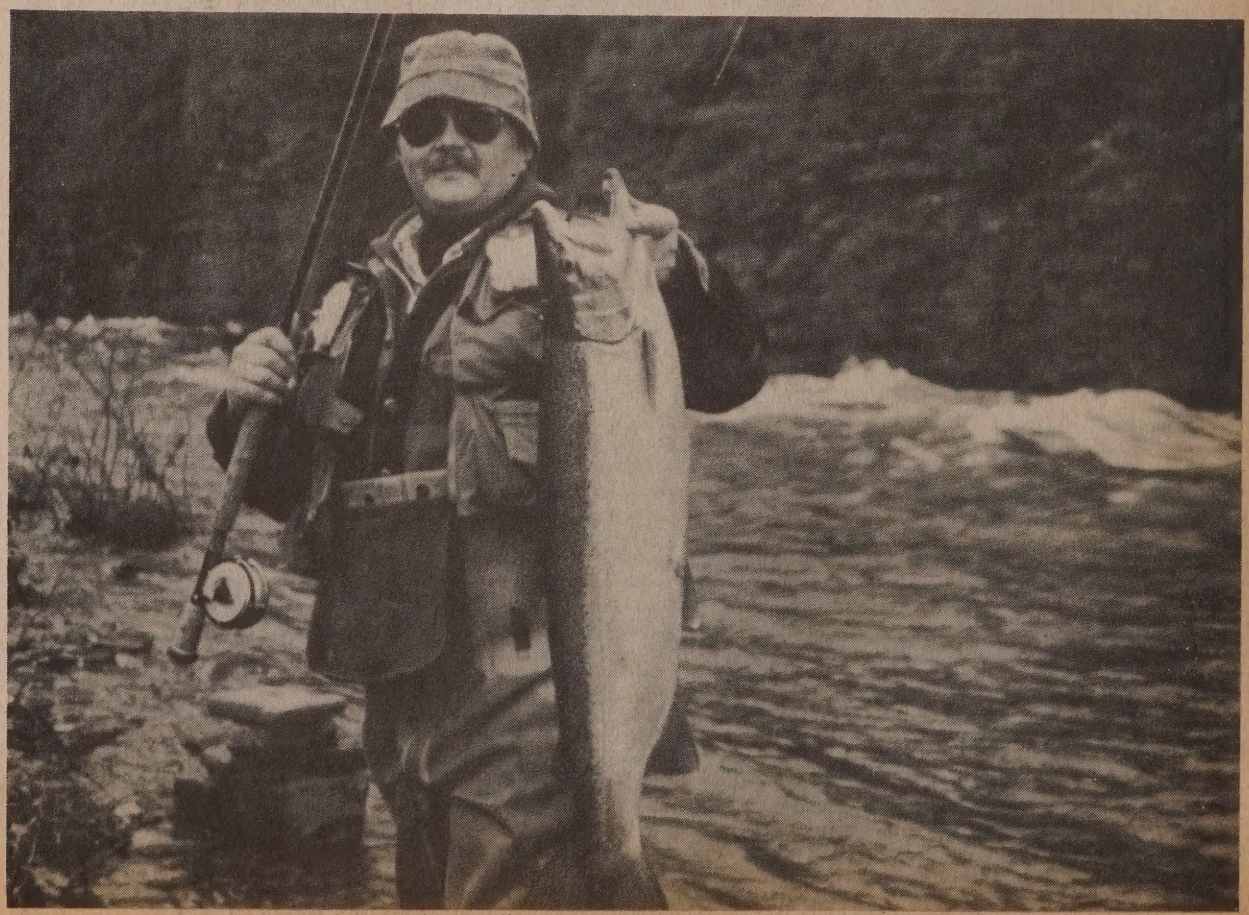
Today, oddly enough, my technique has changed very little, but my tackle is more refined. The rig I used in Canada is still effective under certain conditions today. If I were faced with fishing that same pool today, I would opt to use a three-way swivel. This rig is the standard method today to present your bait, lure or even a fly. A three-way size 6 or 8 black or brass swivel is the nucleus of the rig. One eye of the swivel is knotted to your line coming from the reel, while another to your bait. The third is attached to a light monofilament usually 4 lb. test. To this you can squeeze on several shot as needed on a surgical tube encased pencil lead. A snag will prevent the loss of the entire rig by sacrificing the light leadered weight. The amount of leader used on your bait may vary with water speed and clarity of the stream. Generally, 18 to 30 inches is best. This rig can be used to present a single egg as well as a myriad of other lures.

I've used lures exclusively the last several years for the ironsides. The fall fish maintain that zesty aggressive nature and will strike a well presented lure without hesitaiton.

Floating spinners such as Glo-Go's or fluorescent colored floating jig heads will bring strikes. The new plastic eggs in all colors with or without tails are excellent. One important note here is lure size. I've noticed, as I'm sure many of us have, that different conditions dictate lure size. I've also noted that during the fall fishing this is indeed a factor. Interestingly enough, this pattern mandates change, sometimes daily. A few years back I was enjoying some of the best fall steelheading I've had in years. Big fish were clobbering my big spinner with sheer abandonment. Since others in the immediate area were virtually fishless, I knew it had to be the weight and size of my lure that was giving me the edge. About that time another angler came along and proceeded to cast. To make it short, just that he nailed fish after fish from right below my run. He was catching every bit as fast as I was. Later, after introducing myself, I was surprised to learn that he was also using a spinner. The only difference was his weighed 1/8 oz. while mine was over a half ounce in weight with a blade four sizes larger than his.

The blade was similar to the old mother-of-pearl, being white in color. The fast water where we were both fishing dictated the need for a heavy lure.

He weighted the lure using the standard three-way swivel rig. The



If you are "doing" it right, steelheads like this one are a possibility during the fall run.

spinner was attached via an 18 inch leader. Although much smaller than my hot lure, he took steelheads on par with me. I wanted to point out this particular incident because lure size in many instances can make a difference. This time, however, it was just a matter of getting it down to where the fish were.

It's been my experience that most fall fish are extremely active especially when holding in a fast pocket water or similar pool. These fish will hit many lures as long as the angler understands that the key is often not only where you fish, but how.

Other instances I've run across, fish literally stacked in lower reaches of a river. The water on one occasion was extremely turbulent, exhibiting good depth on the opposite side of the stream. It would appear to be a perfect spot for lures, however, that was not the case. These fresh fish choose to lay behind boulders and close to the slicks on my side of the bank. The water, gushing past the far bank was not to their liking. They were everywhere, just visibly holding inside the slack, shallower water. I repeatedly drifted spoons and spinners through their midst. This served only to make them fidgety and move them further into the run.

A change was in order. I switched over to a plastic salmon egg. Since the water was shallow on my side, I chose to simply pinch several shot above the lure to add the desired weight. A couple of casts later, I was into good fish. As my egg concluded its drift, a big fish slammed it. That day and for the next two days, my buddy and I enjoyed some of the fastest fall fishing either of us had ever seen. By the third day, the fish were showing signs of uneasiness, so we had to drop to lighter line and smaller lures to maintain success.

Your ability to read the fall fish and their needs is often a must. Unless you can draw from past experience, trial and error might be a good bet. Don't allow yourself to be locked into one set of methods that you think will produce steelhead year round. Experiment under different conditions. Early fall fish are the easiest to please. After the first hard freeze and water temperatures plummet, the fish slow down. So should you. Lures and methods that might have worked a month ago might produce only marginally today. Once true winter fishing arrives, it's usually bait that turns the trick.

Learn to recognize the methods required to fool a fresh run early fall steelie as opposed to a late fall semi-dormant fish. Combining both methods can keep you a successful steelhead angler the year-round!

And, last but not least, remember to dress for the weather. It gets very cold in the northern states which border the Great Lakes and when wind chill factor is added to the already low air temperatures, the way you are dressed will dictate whether you have an enjoyable fishing trip.

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BLACKFISH WORTH CELEBRATING ABOUT

by Martin & Janet Garrell

It was party time quite literally aboard John Rainis' "Blue Albatross" on December 2, 1984. Platters of wurst and cheese plus bottles of wine were aboard, and the spread was served at day's end on the return to Greenport. Only a live band was missing, but a chorus of happy tautog anglers more than made up for the lack of music. This party, held after the last outing of the year, celebrated what had to be one of the finest blackfish seasons in memory.

To be sure, the North Fork of Long Island has always been known for its fall "run" of blackfish and honest 6 to 8 pound fish are described in tales circulated around local docks, tackle shops, and watering holes on a regular basis. In 1984 heads never even turned at the mention of such bulldogs. Ten pounders were taken nearly every day on most of the party boats, and pools were often topped by fish to 12 pounds. The best fish of the season was Marie Rayford's enormous 14.2, a new Women's World Record in the 30 lb. line class.

The run of fall tautog on the North Shore probably starts more as a run of anglers than as a run of fish. The blackfish themselves, according to divers, hang around rocky areas through much of the summer, but other species interfere too much with baited hooks and get too much publicity. Finally, about September 15th, with the Sound still a swimmable 67 degrees, bottom fishermen get tired of cleaning buckets of 1/2 to 1 pound scup and diamond jigging specialists have eaten their fill of barbecued bluefish; then anglers begin to wonder what the rock piles from Plum Island west have in store. Time for bait shops to stock crabs, china-back fiddlers, greens, and (Sssh!) hermits along with soft baits and time for serious anglers to test knots, tie rigs, and lift weights for conditioning.

Early fishing is comfortable, usually in 20 to 35 feet of water where, except on full moon and new moon tides, life isn't too difficult. As October runs into November, fishing in 35 to 60 feet of water is the norm, and the biggest blackfish of the season begin to appear as surface temperatures drop through the 50s. By late November, as water thermometers register less than 50 degrees, some of the best blackfishing is in 80 to 110 feet of water because the herds of wrasse move offshore for the winter as inshore forage becomes scarce. This is the time for lots of lead, often 10 ounces or more, and for skilled timing by skippers who fish around slack water periods. Strong currents in deep water overpower both anglers and fish, and one does not go drifting for shy blackfish, so you either catch around the turn or go home frustrated.

Anything that floats can find widespread early season blackfish, but late season Sound fishing out east is different. By late October, you're lucky to have one day in three when the Sound is flat enough to put in a craft of 20 feet or less. This is really the time for the rugged open boats that fish the East End. Although most open boat sports develop personal preferences due to personality match-ups with skippers and crews, we've sailed on pretty much all the craft that frequent the Plum Island-Gull Island-Fishers Island-New London zone. They are uniformly good and competent right across the board. The old standbys from the Greenport docks near Mitchells are Dave Brennan's **Peconic Star** and George and Larry Porter's **Brand X**. For those who travel a bit further east, Larry Ciccotto and Clark Bellows sail the **Prime Time III** from Orient by the Sea Marina in Orient, along with Dan Buckley's **Nancy Ann II**. Artie Lach comes from Sag Harbor with the

The author with a bulldog taken aboard the "Blue Albatross."

Wilhelric, but, unfortunately, John Rainis' **Blue Albatross** from Southold appears to have been knocked out by Hurricane Gloria.

Another boat which sometimes gets classed with the North Fork tautog specialists is Ken Malone's **Jenny Rose**, which sails from the Shinnecock Canal in Hampton Bays. Malone can work on Peconic Bay tautog among the wrecks and structures, but his strongest suit is the offshore area south of Shinnecock Bay.

Tackle during the late tautog season is a matter of personal preference, as long as you can handle some of the heavy sinkers that may be called for in extreme water depths with strong tides. Provided knots are tied with 90 to 95 percent breaking strengths and hooks are well sharpened, a graphite stick and a conventional reel loaded with 12 to 15 pound test line represents the light side. Some sharpies feel most comfortable with 30 and 40 pound gear, although such tuna tackle can straighten most #5 and #7 Virginia hooks when push comes to shove and drags are screwed down even when blackfish are only mid-sized. To distinguish between cautious nips (whoa, don't strike!) and strong pulls or tugs (that bait is now headed into the tautog's throat, so strike hard!), it's best to use rods with some tip action as well as stiff mid-sections. The past couple of seasons, we've switched to dacron main strands to provide even better contact with the bottom and even more positive hook setting. The dacron is finished with a mono strand some 6 to 10 yards in length and testing a few pounds lighter. Then comes the rig.

There are many theories on rigs and baits, and the debate is worth the novice's attention. It all boils down to presenting a chunk of very unstreamlined material, namely a whole small crab or a section of a large one in an appetizing fashion. For **Tautoga onitis**, appetizing means no spin and no tangle. Sure, a tandem rig, tied with 50 to 80 pound leader off a three-way swivel or off a dropper loop a few inches above the sinker is a great idea because it presents two baits simply: lose one and you're still in business. However, where tides are strong, you may find that tandems are constantly twisting and tangling.

If that happens, first try a length of 50 pound material between the three-way and the main strand to damp the torsion. If that doesn't work, experiment with other rigs. One of Dave Brennan's regulars, Matt Anderson, showed us how to tie an effective spreader leader, 2 to 3 feet of 80 pound material with a Virginia hook at either end and a dropper loop plus swivel in the center, and he proved its worth one day last November with 15 tautog over 4 lbs., including one pool winning 11 pounder! If you are still getting line twist at full tide with the baits of choice, maybe you shouldn't be stubborn. Put a single strand of heavy mono and a single hook on one eye of a three-way with a sinker on another eye, make sure the link between main line and swivel is heavy material, and let it go at that with a single hook rig. Okay, you'll have to bait more frequently, but you also should get hit a lot more frequently and catch more fish!

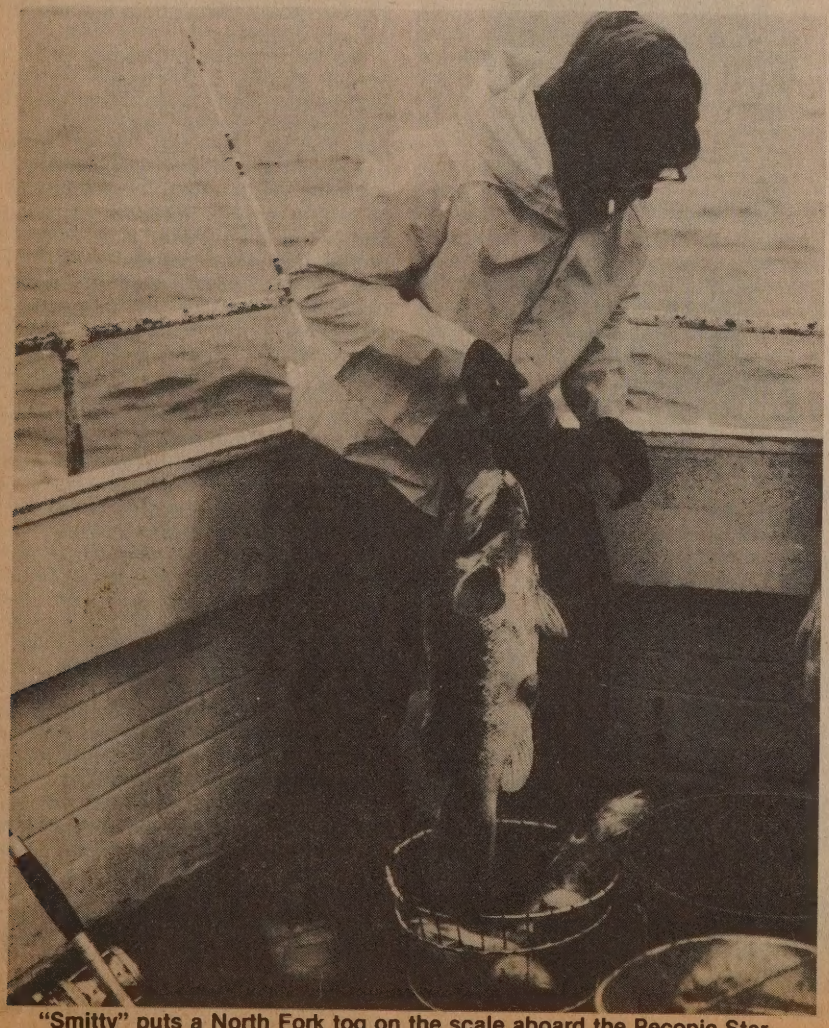
Suppose the regulars are pulling tautog and you're merely talking to yourself. Is your rig resting quietly on the bottom? Is your choice of bait the same as theirs? How are you putting your crabs on the hooks? Incredibly, tautog seem to have soft bait days, hard bait days, little bait days, big bait days, days when crabs are presented complete with carapace, and days when they are best presented without carapace.

If you are getting hits but cannot connect, make sure the barb of the hook protrudes from the bait and sharpen carefully. Alter your timing if tugs are indistinguishable from nips. That is, feel a tap and count. Try 2 seconds on your first strike, 3 on the next, and so on. Last season, during most of November, it was rare to hook big tautog in the Fishers Island area anywhere but in the lips. Maybe the fish that pass baits back to their pharyngeal teeth all were caught in the previous season!

Finally if you get your hands on a few hermit crabs, wait until action on large fish is assured rather than wasting the hermits on rats under 4 pounds. Properly fished, hermits are ice cream for larger blackfish and there's little hesitation in slurping up the goodies.

Most of us have fond memories from last season. Janet still grumbles about one brute that slanted across the bottom and caught her flatfooted with her rod tip under the Blue Albatross, popping the line. I remember getting stuck in the transom corner of the Peconic Star with a 10 lb. outfit, playing elevator with a 7 pounder that just refused to quit, even though the water depth was 80 feet or more.

But the best news for those who recall 1984 comes from the 1985 reports. Even as we write, there are post-Gloria reports of 11 and 12 pounders along with tons of 4 to 7 pound fish in the same North Fork haunts. Yes, 1985 might be even better than 1984, and, as Richie Jensen of the Nancy Ann always says, "Don't be worried about going out late in the season. Out here, the fishermen quit long before the blackfish do!"



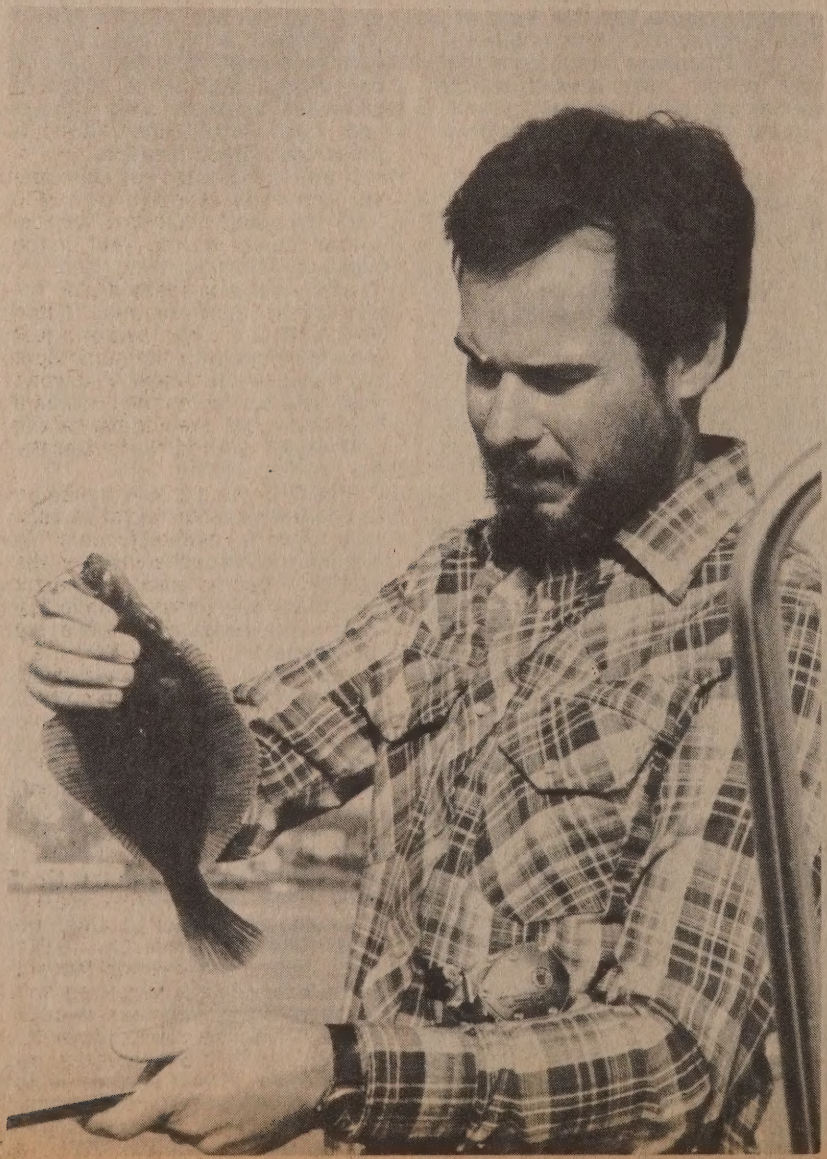
"Smitty" puts a North Fork tog on the scale aboard the Peconic Star.

TRY NOW FOR FALL RUN FLOUNDER

by Russ Wilson

The mere mention of winter flounder causes many fishermen to immediately envision the first warm days of spring and the promise of yet another fishing season. But, to knowledgeable flounder buffs the fall run is equally important in that it provides anglers an excellent opportunity to stock the family larder with some good to eat fillets, while at the same time, offering some late season action with the little flatfish.

We've always been partial to the fall run. For openers, the fish are generally larger on average than those taken during the early stages of the spring run. These incoming winter flounder are chunky and full of fight after spending the summer months waxing fat on the ever-abundant supply of bottom life that inhabits the deeper offshore waters.



Pete Barrett caught this nice size flattie on a piece of bloodworm during a fall outing.

Now is the time to break out those light popping or spinning outfits. The first substantial northeast storm of the fall season will usually bring the fish into the estuaries. As a general rule of thumb, this storm will hit the North Atlantic Seaboard sometime between mid-September and the first week of October, and immediately following that blow the flounder will arrive.

The blackbacks, as many refer to these flatfish, will run anywhere from only a few ounces on up to two or three pounds, depending on which section of the Seaboard one is fishing. The famed Long Island snowshoes are much larger than average, but fish of 1½ to 2 pounds are not at all uncommon throughout the coastal estuary system.

We find lightweight tackle is best suited to this late season fishery. Rods measuring 5½ to 7 feet overall and rated to handle weights of up to two ounces are ideal. Reels, either conventional revolving spool types or spinning should match the rod as far as weight and be capable of holding a couple hundred yards of 6, 8 or 10 pound test monofilament or dacron line. We tend to go lighter in the line department and will normally use 6 pound test in the rivers and bays and 8 pound for larger waters where heavier sinkers may be needed to keep the bait resting on bottom.

The two hook flounder rig is virtually standard throughout the coastal areas. Most experienced flounder fishermen find a hook which has a medium shank is easier to remove from the flounder's small mouth. The days when everyone used the Chestertown model for winter flounder have passed. Today you will see anglers rigged with English style wide gap hooks, short shank beak hooks, and the popular mid-length beak models.

Most flounder "experts" do agree that it pays to use a small hook when seeking these cold water flatfish and fully 90 percent of the experienced flounder fishermen we've known preferred a #6 for larger flounder and a #8 for the smaller specimens. This allows a keeper size flounder to inhale the bait and cuts down on the catch of smaller fish that cannot take the larger hook into their small rubber lipped mouth.

Newly arriving flounder are very aggressive and will eagerly attack a bait. You won't get too many of those little

"nibbles" when fishing for fall run fish. Usually a hungry flounder will swim up to the bait, suck it in and swallow it without fanfare. You will feel a solid weight on the business end of your line and all you need do is lift the rod and start cranking the reel handle.

Of course, there is a lot more to being successful at catching winter flounder than just dropping a bait to the bottom and waiting for a flounder to jump on. You need to fish the right spots, use the correct baits and have terminal rigs that are suited to the habits of these tasty little flatfish.

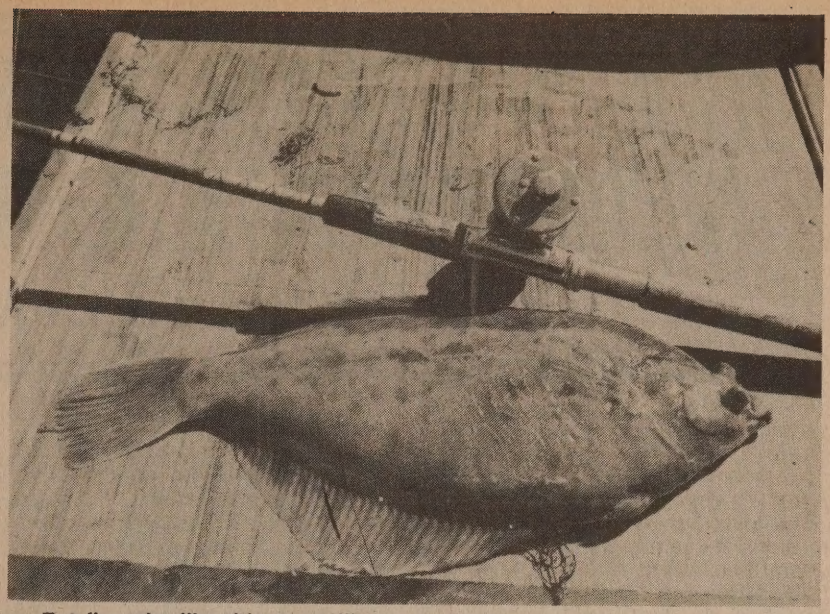
There is no doubt among experienced flounder fishermen that the best possible fishing is usually found in the deeper water areas where tidal movement is strong enough to carry a constant supply of food to the waiting fish. Channel edges, dropoffs, inlets and places where the shoreline configuration causes the river to narrow are among the better places to find flounder waiting for an easy meal to pass their lair.

More ofen than not, we anchor along the edge of a channel and use two anchors: one at the bow and a second, rigged on a shorter lead, at the stern. Anchored this way the boat will stay crosswise in the current and is less likely to move about in the tide or when wind gusts are present.

Chumming is a must. We carry a pair of chum pots and place one at the bow and the other near the stern. This allows the chum to disperse in a wider band and will attract any flounder that are in the area.

Flounder will respond to a variety of foods when following a chum slick. Canned corn, boiled rice and canned cat food are some of the more exotic chums we've used when the normal mussel, clam or bunker was not available and all will attract flounder to some degree. If we had to select just one ingredient for our chum pots it would be mussels. Crushed clams are a very close second and bunker a distant third. Only as a last resort do we rely on the canned corn or boiled rice and then we add a shot of bunker oil to give the slick a little spice.

Hook baits also vary among experienced flounder anglers. Sea worms are excellent. Sands, bloods or tape worms will produce on most days and some of the biggest flounder we've caught were taken when using these choice offerings. Clam or mussel is also effective and at times, will outproduce the sea worms. Strips of clam flesh measuring two inches or slightly longer and 1/4 to 1/2 inch wide are about the right size for average flounder. The bait should be hooked only once, and the best way to secure the clam strip to the hook is by bringing the hook though the bait so the barb protrudes from the opposite side. Mussels are a very soft bait and must be wrapped onto the hook so they will not wash off in the current. It takes a bit of practice to use the mussels, but they are one of the best baits for flounder; so it pays to learn how to attach them to the hook.



Fat flounder like this one will be entering the coastal estuary systems this month. Plan now to cash in on the action.

A big mistake on the part of many "would be" flounder fishermen is buying only one bait for a day of fishing. It pays to carry a variety. As with humans, the flounder tire of one food and will respond to another eagerly while ignoring the usual fare. Some days you may find a strip of clam will produce the most and largest flounder, while all the rigs baited with a piece of blood worm go untouched. On the following day, or even on the next change of tide, those same fish may flip for a piece of sand worm and not pick up a clam, mussel or bloodworm baited hook.

We normally use two rods when fishing for the blackbacks. Each is rigged with the standard two hook setup, but we use a different bait on each hook. As a pattern develops, meaning one bait gets more hits than the others, we go with the most productive bait on all of the hooks which increases our chance of catching more fish. Quite often you will find the sea worms the hottest baits, so make sure you bring a healthy supply of both sand and bloods whenever you plan a day of flounder fishing. Clams are the least expensive bait and should be included in your bait and chum supply. It is a little more expensive, but in the long run you'll find it is money well spent.

Flounder do not strike like most other fish. They suck in the bait which may, or may not telegraph up the line and onto your fingers. Occasionally, all you will feel is some additional weight on the line and that's your signal to lift the rod and crank in your catch.

One technique for catching flounder that has endured through the years is the lift and drop method. It is easy to master and will add to your flounder score substantially. All you do is gently lift the rod tip a couple of feet, drop it back so the sinker digs into the bottom and causes a little puff of mud or sand. By repeating the process every few minutes you constantly keep the bottom stirred and give the flounder something to home in on as they see the bait moving gently in the current.

The lift and drop method also accomplishes another purpose. Often flounder will suck in a bait and just lay on the bottom in the same spot while they enjoy the meal. You won't know there is a fish on the hook until you wind it in to make another cast or when you lift the rod tip to feel the fish.

Some flounder fishermen like to cast and retrieve a bait and at times, it is a very effective method for catching fish that might not otherwise see the baits. This, too, is easy to master since all that's required is the ability to cast the rig, engage the reel spool or bail, and retrieve. The trick in making it work, however, is to make the baits crawl along the bottom so they appear natural to any hungry flounder that happens to be in the vicinity. This method is most applicable when fishing from shoreline, docks or bulkhead areas or when anchored off to one side of a channel and casting into the deeper waters of the channel.

Between now and the start of 1986, fishermen who probe the coastal rivers and bays will enjoy some outstanding flounder fishing. If you, like many others, stow your tackle right after the striped bass, weakfish and blues head south, you are missing out on some of the finest winter flounder fishing the Atlantic Seaboard has to offer. Make it a point to keep a couple of light outfits stashed in the car and when you're close to the shore and have time to spare, put it to use. I can guarantee you will not be disappointed with the results.

GENESIS OF THE UMBRELLA RIG

by Capt. John DeMaio

Anyone who knows me and my preference in fishing would say that I would be the last one to write an article in praise of the umbrella rig. Ideally I would prefer to catch my fish by a non-trolling method. Basically either diamond jigging or casting. Both these methods allow for the angler to set up a one-on-one situation in which the angler can exercise his skills with a rod and reel. Not that trolling doesn't require skills on the part of the angler. It does, but at the helm of the boat, not at the rod. The ability to put your boat in a pattern of movement that permits your trolled umbrella to pass through the fish to get that "hit," is the whole ball game.

When fishing for bass and weaks, this harmony of boat and line in movement demands rehearsal. One must have experience for success. Unlike bluefish, which can be plucked off the ocean's surface, striped bass and weakfish are to be found on the bottom. Having the talent to make a slow pass over the fish while keeping the umbrella only inches off the bottom is a hard trick to master. Once achieved it all becomes matter of fact.

Today, the downrigger and planers have allowed fishermen the use of mono line in place of the monel and stainless steel wires. To the best of my knowledge, the use of planers was developed in Florida by king mackerel fishermen. I first discovered their use in Fort Pierce during the late 60s, and brought some back to New York. After a few years of experimenting, their potential was obvious. About the time I was getting serious about their use I was also becoming involved as a full time charter boat captain. So the planers were put away in boxes and remained covered in dust for at least ten years. In Florida, they are called para-vanes because they are fashioned after a torpedo-shaped underwater device that was trolled from the bow of a ship. The para-vanes had serated teeth in the forward end that would hopefully sever the moorings of mines.

Even though Montauk is the hottest fishing port on the East Coast, it is the least progressive when it comes to innovative fishing. We get everything last! So I find it amazing that Montauk can take the credit for inventing, or developing, the umbrella rig. (The word credit can be replaced by responsibility—depending on how pure a sportsman you are.) Montauk was late in accepting clam chum which slaughtered the bass in the late 60s and early 70s. Bait tails (Nordic eels, tiger tails, and such) have only been in use here for a couple of years. Late again! And ironically, considering the umbrella rig as a mass of tubes, the tube was late to come to Montauk. The use of tubes was developed in Sheepshead Bay and gradually worked its way East and took residency in Montauk in the mid-50s. The list of lasts goes on and on. Green machines, Danny plugs, live bass baits—but alas, I begin to sound as if I have a hammer in my hand.

Though many people may scorn its use, an umbrella rig in the hands of a skillful angler is a deadly tool.

The founding father for the umbrella was Captain Gus Pitts. Gus ran a charter boat here for as long as anyone can remember. His boat, the "Marie," ranked as one of Montauk's top charter boats. Even though Capt. Pitts is retired, his son-in-law, Capt. Dave McMahon runs the Marie and maintains the high standards set by ol' Gus. Captain Pitts did not need an umbrella rig to make a good catch, but he had an idea and pursued it. As in the case of a better mouse trap, the ability to catch more fish is a desire inherent in all fishermen. The original rig was not umbrella in design. It was a spreader type or "coat hanger." From each end, ran a three foot mono leader with a tube on the end and two tubes attached to the leader by means of a dropper loop. Gradually, by trial and error or experimentation, the coat hanger evolved into the present day umbrella rig. A four-armed spreader device joined in the middle by a molded lead.

At times the rig went to extremes such as the case of the six-armed umbrella. This beast was popular in the Sheepshead Bay area but never caught on at Montauk. Consider all the hooks six arms can carry, add a bluefish per hook and it would take a radiation mutant to reel it in. In Montauk, the umbrella has remained constant for some years now. An application of teasers may change but the four live tubes (tubes with hooks) has gone unchanged for a long time.

Because of the strain created by the drag pressure of trolling the umbrella rig, a kind of re-tooling on tackle was in order. Larger reels with big gears have pulling power. Just like winching your boat onto the trailer. With the correct gears and a big handle, the job is made easier. Commonplace amongst the charter boat fleet now is the 6/0 reel for the umbrella. Some use the fast retrieve; others, the regular. I use the regular 6/0 because of its ability to retrieve with less effort. It may take longer to reel it back, but it's easier. Light rods are still acceptable. You lose less fish with the lighter tips.

Wire lines were in for a change also. The old standard wire of .025 on the micrometer does not offer longevity when using the umbrella continually. Nowadays, the 6/0 reels are loaded with #28 wire. A few are using 30; with 30, one line will get you through the season. Well, almost.

My umbrella rig pattern has not changed for some years now. I go with four live tubes and four teasers. The teasers are in the middle of each arm. When I make my own teasers, I make them as long as the tubes to be used. To get the correct bend, I use a tube hook with the point and barb cut off. Instead of a single barrel swivel on the teaser, I find the beaded chains will give you more spin. Three of the live tubes are on 16 inch mono leader material of 40 lb. test. The third tube is carried on a 6 foot leader or what we call the dropper. I use 60 lb. mono for that. The use of the dropper tube is

only for bass fishing. Don't use it for bluefish. Also, umbrellas of a smaller radius are more desirable when bass fishing. They fish the tubes in a tighter pattern. The center eye of the umbrella goes empty.

People often ask, "why not put the dropper in the middle?" This would only create more tangles whereas keeping the dropper at one side has a stabilizing effect and holds the rig steady when fishing. To place the rig in the water or "set" it, I throw the dropper over the side, followed by the umbrella. Another very important advantage of the dropper is that it remains clear of tangles after a fish has been hooked. When a hooked fish begins to thrash about, the similar length tubes become entangled.Not so for the dropper. Even though the first 16 inches or so of the dropper leader becomes snarled into the rig, the remaining leader keeps the tube behind the rig and still fishing. Over the years I have seen the dropper tube take that second bass, time and time again.

Umbrella concepts change depending on location. What I have described above is the fashion for Montauk. Perhaps in your area the need for a variation exists. I can assume that what has developed at Montauk came out of necessity and not fashion. Who knows, maybe this rig is all wrong for the area. One thing I do know for sure is it will change as the fishing changes and the demands of the present are met.

Your local tackle shop will usually have umbrellas rigged out in the desired fashion for that area. Chances are he makes his own rig or buys from a "basement manufacturer." One complete umbrella rig that is packaged and marketed on a large scale is the Sekora rig. The Sekora Tackle Company offers a wide variety of tubes and combinations. I often use their tube selection as a guide to what you should look for when purchasing tubes. Many fishermen make up their own tubes and just about every tackle shop makes their own version, or are supplied by the basement manufacturer. Sekora's tubes are top of the line and worth the extra money. Especially when there are big bass to be taken. A Mustad tube hook #31022, strong enough to take a big bass, must be at least a 6 to 9/0 size. When using a large tube of 8 to 16 inches, a big hook is acceptable, but with smaller tubes, the large hook upsets the balance and restricts the spinning of the tube. Sekora Tackle makes their own hook. It is an exclusive of the company. Their #40 tube has a hook that is of a size equivalent to a Mustad 6/0 but has the strength of a 12/0 Mustad. I don't know what the hell goes into it, but it is one tough hook. Many charter boat skippers who make their own tubes will buy Sekora tubes when fall bass fishing, just in case that 50 pounder jumps on.

Sekora tubes come in two basic designs: the single barrel swivel type, or standard tube, and the Monkey Tail series. The Monkey Tails have a beaded chain attached to the hook making the tube longer than the standard. Also, slipping the tube up and down the beads will change the bend of the tube at the hook and allow the angler to make an adjustment in the action of the tube. The large Monkey Tail with an 8/0 hook makes an excellent dropper tube for your umbrella rig.

Like it or not, the umbrella rig catches more fish than any other trolling lure or rig to be found. So if trolling is your bag, give it a try. Remember, the purpose of the multiple hooks being trolled is not to catch multiple fish, rather to imitate a school of fish, which can coax an otherwise fussy fish to the book.

One last item about colors. Buy any color that suits your fancy. The spin of the tubes is more important than color. I once bought a package of tubes because the color matched my shirt.

This big striper jumped on an umbrella rig trolled aboard the author's "Vivienne."

RECORD BREAKERS

BY FRED GUARDINEER

A 23 LB. 13.76 OZ. RAINBOW TROUT IS THE NEW N.Y. STATE RECORD FOR RAINBOWS AND WAS CAUGHT IN THE SALMON RIVER BY WILLIAM R. MARSCHER OF NEW HARTFORD, N.Y. USING PRESERVED EGGS IN A RED SACK WITH SPONGE TO LIFT IT OFF THE BOTTOM. THE TROPHY FISH WAS 40 INCHES LONG.

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A 14 LB. 3 OZ. TIGER MUSKY IS NOW THE NEW MASSACHUSETTS STATE RECORD FOR THIS RECENTLY INTRODUCED HYBRID EXPECTED TO EVENTUALLY EXCEED 40 LBS. IT WAS CAUGHT BY FRANK SMITH WHILE ICE FISHING LAST WINTER IN THE PONTOOSUC RESERVOIR IN LANESBOROUGH.

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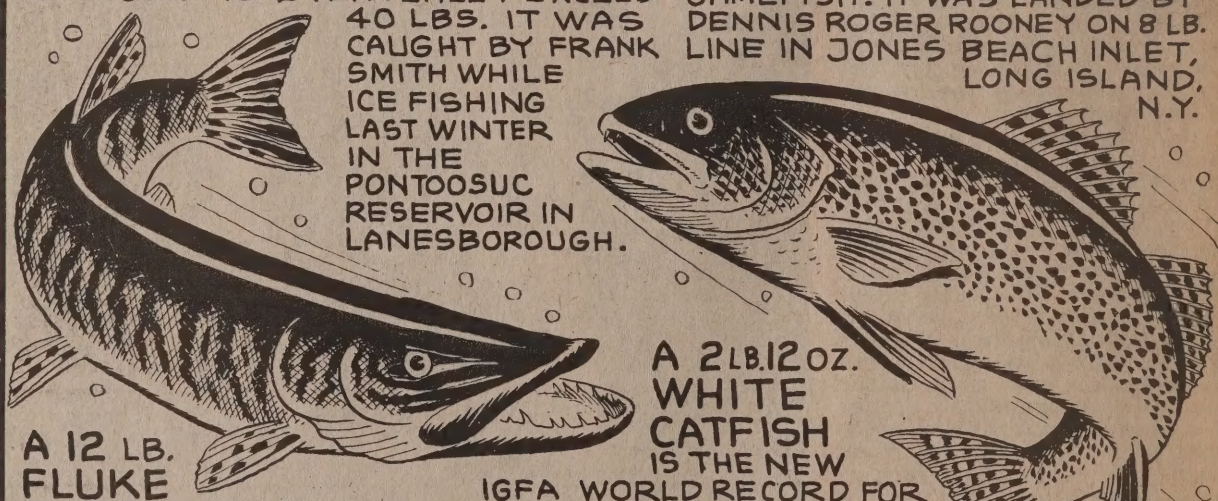

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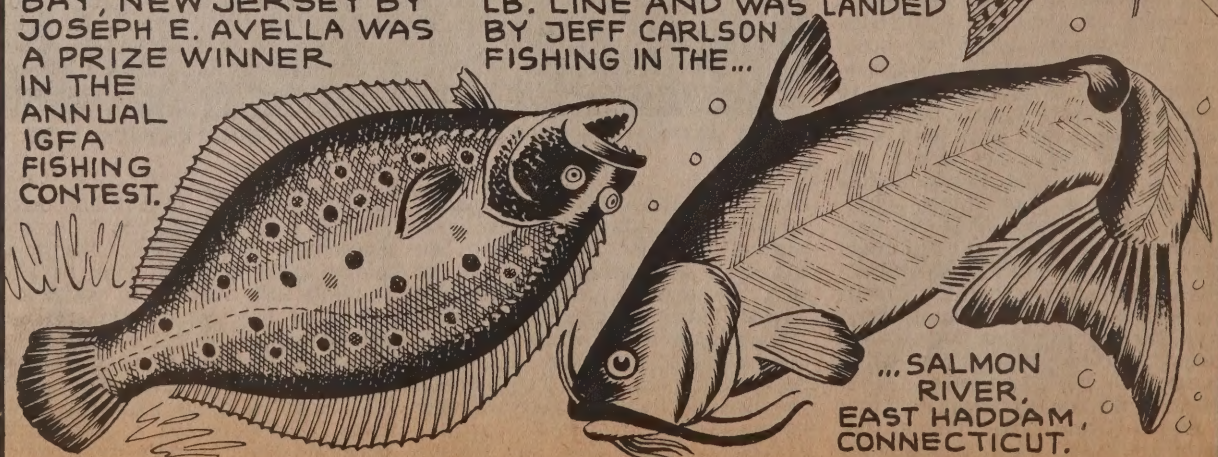

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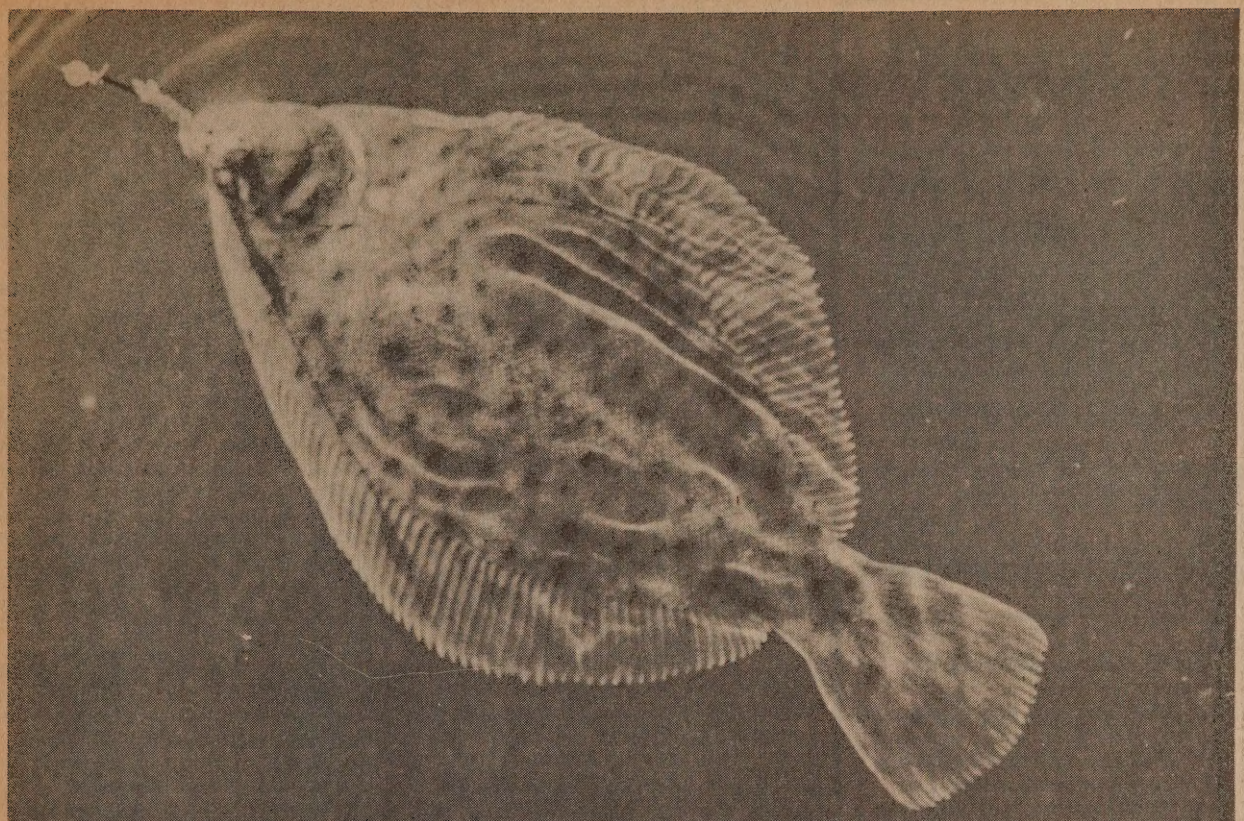

A LESSON IN FLOUNDERING

by Tony Somma

A couple of old hands at the flounder game, teach the author "a thing or two."

Each fall the Noreen E is beached in early November, signaling the approaching end of my weekly fishing trips. This is a traumatic experience, for no matter how cold it is or how bad the weather gets, dry-docking my boat always occurs too soon. To maintain my sanity, I extend the season for a few more weeks by fishing with two friends, Tom and Al. If it wasn't for them, I'd be climbing walls.

Trips with the boys, as my father calls them, are always memorable. Tom and Al are dedicated fishermen who have seriously pursued fishing for over 20 years. For as long as I've known them, they've had the same approach to fishing and have always been a pleasure to fish with. Of all the fishermen I know I rank them at the top of the heap. Their approach to fishing is smart and aggressive. If they don't get results in a reasonable amount of time they do something else. Change bait, method, or location. They refuse to sit still and wait for fish to find them. The fish are there and if they are not being caught something is wrong with the bait, its presentation, or the spot they're fishing in. Another reason I look forward to fishing with "the boys" is because they are willing to experiment and to adapt to methods that may be more productive than their own. Just about every time I fish with them I come away with some bit of information to put to use when fishing the waters off Staten Island. This trip would be no exception.

Friday's Daily News boasted of great fishing for all species. Just reading about catching fish got my blood percolating and raised my expectations to a fever pitch. I called Tom and asked him if there was room for a beached angler on his boat and what he would be fishing for. He planned to jig for blues and would be prepared for flounder since heavy early morning fog was predicted. Preparing for this trip would take some thought. I decided on two outfits: first, a 7 foot medium action rod with conventional reel and second, a bait casting outfit that could handle a 6 to 8 lb. fish and be easily converted over to flounder tackle. I spent Friday night sharpening hooks, checking tackle and putting new 20 lb. test line on my Penn Squidder. The bait casting outfit only needed to have some questionable looking 12 lb. test line removed and discarded.

I tossed and turned all night thinking about fish flying over the rail and afraid I would over-sleep. At long

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FISHING FOR BLUEFISH

BY AL RISTORI

Bluefish — the number one gamefish along the coast. FISHING FOR BLUEFISH is a complete guide to catching these exciting, hard fighting "choppers".
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last, Saturday morning rolled around. I was outside my door standing in a heavy mist, lunch packed, rods in hand at 5:45. A few minutes later, Tom drove up and we were off. On our way over the Verrazano Bridge, we discussed the fog and hoped it would burn off by the time we hit the Tin Can Grounds. We met Al in front of the Emmons Avenue Dunkin' Donuts and promptly set off in search of the latest fishing reports. The reports were good. A few large bass were caught early Friday morning at the tip of Rockaway Jetty and some schoolies mixed in with bluefish during the remainder of the day on the black side of Ambrose Channel. After picking up coffee and ice, we arrived at the Fishing Nut. It was still foggy, but looked like the sun was trying to peek through.

We decided to stop at the tip of Rockaway Point to try for bass and then to go flounder fishing until the fog lifted. For bait we would use bank mussels. Each fall, Tom obtains a supply of mussels from along the Plumb Beach Channel shoreline to be used in emergencies. A five gallon pail of mussels riddled with holes to keep the bivalves wet and cool was submberged under the dock. While the engine warmed and we rigged our outfits for jigging, the pail was left on the dock to drain. By the time we were ready to push off, the mussels had drained enough not to make a complete mess on the boat.

The pail was loaded into an out-of-the-way spot, and we headed out Plumb Beach Channel. Visibility wasn't too bad. Ghost-like shapes of boats docked along the channel were just visible. Passing through Gerritsen Inlet and out Rockaway Inlet we could just make out the fog shrouded shoreline. It looked like the fog was beginning to burn off. Once we rounded the edge of the jetty and headed for Rockaway Point, the pea soup rolled in. Every once in awhile, the fog would start to lift and our hopes rise. We stopped off the tip of Rockaway jetty and joined the 20 or so other boats that had the same idea as us. We searched around the general vicinity for awhile but couldn't raise a mark on the recorder or see any diving birds which would show us where the fish were feeding. The radio chatter didn't do much to raise our hopes either. The few boats that had ventured out couldn't find fish or if they had, they were being tight-lipped about it.

Seeing how the morning was slipping by, we decided it was time to fish for flounder until the fog lifted. We headed across the channel and had a little trouble locating the area we wanted to fish. Our first stop would be east of the Coney Island parachute jump and down tide of where the old Steeplechase Pier had been. While Tony and Al searched for the area they wanted to anchor in, I was assigned the task of switching the bait casting outfits over for flounder. Believe me, that's no easy task to accomplish on a bouncing center console, and minus my glasses to boot. I eventually attached pre-tied rigs to each outfit with an improved clinch knot. Since the water was calm, a two ounce bank sinker was added to finish off the rig. Al and I were satisfied to use pre-tied Chestertown hook rigs adorned with yellow plastic corn kernels, but Tom wanted no part of these abominations. He insisted on using short shank Sproat hooks.

While I rigged the rods, Al started to open the larger mussels to use as bait. He opened each mussel by placing it in the palm of his left hand, hinge side up, with the wide or front end facing toward him. He inserted the clam knife into the slit where the hair protrudes from the shell and pushed the blade into the bivalve by closing his left hand. He cut through the front mussel, opened the shell halves and gently scraped the flesh from both shells. The flesh was saved for bait and the shells saved to scatter around the boat to attract our finned friends. After Tom was satisfied he was over the piece of bottom he wanted to fish, he began gently cracking the smaller mussels for the chum pot. The objective is to crack the shells so the juices leach out slowly to attract, not feed, the fish. Most of the chum pots I've seen hold a quart. This one looked like it would hold a gallon. Bolted inside the pot was a 4 lb. hunk of lead to help hold the pot on the bottom in fast running water. No halfway measures here.

An hour's fishing accompanied by much bouncing of the chum pot and pounding a small mushroom anchor off the bottom produced a few small fish between 3/4 and one pound, along with a slew of calico crabs which Tom had us save for the chum pot. At the rate the crabs were eating our bait, we would be back at the dock in no time. As the morning wore on, the fishing didn't improve. We decided we gave this spot enough time, raised anchor, and traveled east past both Coney Island and Brighton Beaches. We anchored a little beyond Manhattan Beach in shallow water near the beginning of the sea wall. Seeing that wall brought back fond memories of pleasant evenings spent with good friends casting for bass. I'll always remember this spot for it's where I caught my first bass some 20 years ago.

After anchoring, Tom sweetened up the chum pot by adding more cracked mussels and some crushed crabs. He then crushed the remainder of the crabs in a five gallon pail. When this mixture was the consistency of a thick soup, he poured it into a small burlap sack which contained two 4 lb. blocks of lead. I think the sack was originally used to hold nails. He attached a large snap to the sack's top, slipped the snap on the anchor line and put the sack in the water. The sack slid down the anchor line and settled on the bottom. He lowered the chum pot off the bow and bounced it off the bottom to get the chum

flowing. In a few minutes, Al's rod took an impressive bend and he landed our first 1½ lb. flounder of the day. In-between catching fish, I asked why the chum pot was off the bow. To attend it, you had to stop fishing and walk to the front of the boat. This seemed like a waste of valuable fishing time to me. I also questioned using the burlap sack since it seemed the chum would be too far away to do any good. Tom explained he believed the chum flowed out of the pot and settled right under the boat's stern. If the pot was off the stern, the chum would settle beyond our reach. He thought the sack only let out juices, sweetened up the whole area and attracted fish from a much wider range.

As we continued to fish I got the distinct feeling Tom was catching more fish on his unadorned short shank hooks than Al or I were. Even though it's hard to take time out to observe when you are caught up with hauling fish over the rail, I forced myself to pay attention to what was going on the rest of the day.

Action was hot and heavy for about an hour and then deteriorated to a slow pick. Seeing as there was no traffic, we decided to drift until we caught some more flounder, re-anchor and start chumming again. In a flash, the chum pot, burlap sack and anchor were in the boat. We picked a fish or two drifting toward the Sheepshead Bay channel and across it. Once across the channel things really brightened up. We all caught fish in the shallows behind buoy 4. We anchored, got the chum flowing again and were into fish before we knew it. On this stop I paid more attention to who was catching what. When the fish were flying over the rail we call caught a similar number. But when the action slowed down to a moderate pick, Tom caught more fish than Al and I. He was also the only one to catch a double-header. Two in fact. For every two fish Al or I caught, Tom would catch three on the short shanked hooks. I know one day's experience is not conclusive, but it did get me to thinking as I tucked the day's occurrences away in the old memory bank for future reference.

All good things come to an end. Just about the time we were scraping the bottom of the bait bucket, the fish stopped biting. It was 2PM and time to head back to the dock. After docking Tom showed me a new method to fillet flounder. Place the fish on the cutting board should up. Make a diagonal cut from the shoulder to the vent and a straight cut across the tail. Insert the knife into the tail cut and push the blade along the backbone until the point shows through the shoulder cut. Keep the blade on the skeleton and cut along the rib cage toward the fins, using long continuous strokes. In seconds, you have a flap to hold as you remove the other half of fillet from the skeleton. The fish is then turned over and the process repeated. This is a much faster method than I use and helped us clean our catch in very reasonable time.

By the time Tom and I had the fish cleaned, Al had washed the boat, locked it up and had our gear packed and ready to go home. After all was said and done I had a great day's fishing, learned a few new wrinkles about catching flounder, learned where to dig for mussels and learned to fillet flounder faster than ever before. During the spring and fall of '84 and the spring of '85, I put some of the techniques I saw into practice. Comparing my catches for these seasons to prior years, I firmly believe what I learned and put into practice helped me improve my catches. I swear by drifting to locate flounder. When conditions permit, I no longer go blindly to a spot, anchor up, chum and start to fish. I'll go to the general area I want to fish, drift and anchor up, chum and start to fish. I'll go to the general area I want to fish, drift and anchor up only after I catch a fish or two. Only time will tell if my catches increased because of a more abundant fish stock or because of better methods. I believe they've increased due to better methods.

In the past crabs drove me crazy. Now that I use them for chum, they don't seem to bother me as much. Use of a larger chum pot also makes sense. You can spend more time fishing if you don't have to attend to the chum pot as often. I've made up my mind on hooks. When I was able to keep track of which hook was catching more fish, I found short shank hooks out-produced Chestertown hooks. Number 8 wide gap hooks seem to work best for me. I've observed that both the wide gap and Sproat hooks have caught more fish on average than the Chestertown. I have a nagging fear in the back of my mind that the plastic corn is doing more harm than good. We know that flounder won't eat dirty or oil tainted bait. Plastic is made from oil. Is it possible flounder can pick up an oil scent from the plastic corn? If so, artificial corn is not doing us fishermen any good. Why I'm asking this question is the following: for awhile I was sitting on the fence concerning the use of plastic corn kernels and kept track of how they produced. Remember, this is not a scientific study but only one fisherman's findings. At no time did corn adorned rigs outproduce plain rigs. But at times, plain rigs caught quite a few more fish and on some days both produced equally well. For awhile I hedged my bets and used rigs with one plain hook and one adorned with corn. As time went by, I began to notice that the smaller fish were caught on the hook decorated with corn. Putting one and one together, I came to the conclusion that the larger fish were sensing something was wrong. I figured you can't go wrong following the old KISS rule, "Keep It Simple Stupid," and since then have stayed with plain rigs.

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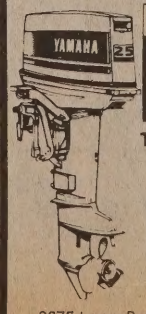

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East End REPORT

with Mrs. Lorry Mangan

Nearly gale force winds, combined with full moon tides made for miserable fishing conditions most places. However, because of these conditions anglers who fished in unplanned locations to get out of the wind in some cases found a windfall of fish: snowshoe flounder in Lake Montauk, 2 lb. flatties at 3 Mile Harbor. Blackfish are in solid—when you can get to them. Bluefish are wall to wall from Montauk Point southwards. One captain described the porgy action as the "best in 20 years!" Bass action picked up over the weekend. Cooperative weather (winds) should see fantastic catches.

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Recent reports from **Uihlein's Boat Rentals** reflect the variety of fish at Montauk during the past 10 days. Recently, Bob, Sue and Sally Thickles along with John Green fished Cartwright for 20 large bluefish caught on a rental craft. Al Togson and Ernie Samtinto of Belleville, NJ fished at Shagwong on a skiff returning with sea bass, blowfish, porgies, blackfish and 2 dozen flounder up to 2½ lbs. On Friday, 10-24, Joe Genoro, Frank Belmonte and Carl Conti fished just west of Shagwong, catching 85 flounder, many of them 2 to 2½ lbs. in weight. A group from the Salt Water Anglers Fishing Club rented a 24 foot Proline from **Uihlein's** using clam bait for flounder. A total of 125 flounder were caught, many weighing 2 and 3 lbs. on the club's certified scale. Members of the group included: John and Steve Soth, George Horton, Joe Frigenti, George Gladston, John Pizza and Pat Carberg.

Last Thursday, 10-24, the fishing trio of John, Dennis and Donna used strictly clam bait for 39 blackfish top weight 7 lbs, which were caught at slack tide at Shagwong; 24 bluefish were also taken. The next day, Henry Uihlein took a 3 hour fishing break and with his nephew Roy and friend Kenny Anderson caught 36 blackfish using green crab and clams at Washington Shoals. Henry remarked that the blackfish seemed to prefer clams. A group on Sunday, 10-27, tucked into the Harbor after catching five blues outside in rough seas and settled for 20 flounder from 1 to 1½ lbs.

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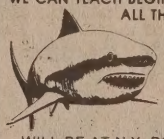
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blackfish at buoy 5 before Sunday's rough seas deemed it prudent to fish in Lake Montauk. The group fished near the Coast Guard Station and using clams and bloodworms along with clam chum, found a mother lode of flounder. Although many small fish were returned, the group kept 38 flounder, about half ove 2 lbs. in weight, with two of 3 lbs. and one that hit the 4 lb. mark on the scale! Captain Nappi remarked that these were "red snowshoes"—just like "old times."

Captain King managed to pluck about one dozen codfish fishing through massive schools of porgies on a recent charter on the **King Wayne.** Most fishing the past week was for Cartwright bluefish, according to Captain King wtih trips ending early, all barrels, fish boxes and bags full of monster blues. Saturday's charters with Bob Lindskod bailed blues to 20 lbs. Frank Rosenberg had a taste of outdoor life with alligator blues. On Sunday morning, 10-27, Anthony Norbutt and a group from Schwenk Dairy had a colorful day with five bass, some blackfish, weakfish, bonito and bluefish. In the afternoon, a group of butchers, including Clyde Keys and his friends from NYC switches to blues after bad seas prohibited blackfishing. The group jigged big blues and will now add seafood to their menu.

Captain Bob Storc fished Block Island for porgies on Monday, 10-21, on the **Caprice** with Capt. Chuck Patterson (who is usually behind the wheel of the "Jet" in Brooklyn). The pair filled several bushels with jumbo porgies, some over 2½ lbs. The next day, two "Jet" mates, John and Dennis Tilkinsen caught three bushels of scup. Over the weekend, Tim McGee jigged an 18 lb. striper, along with bluefish. Captain Storc is now chartering for bass in Long Island Sound (Eaton's Neck) for the remainder of the season. Call him for charter information.

Montauk fishing is getting better everyday, according to Capt. Mike Albronde of the charter boat **Montauk**, with diamond jigging providing great action. On Saturday, a group with Bill Hines of Ridgewood jigged two bass to 23 lbs., 10 weakfish to 11 lbs. with 75 bluefish before switching to blackfish when 45 blacks to 6 lbs. were added to the catch. Sunday, bass catches improved with eight bass caught—top weight fish a 36 lb. striper caught by Paul Zilko on a Sekora diamond jig with a white tube. All bass were over 10 lbs., 35 blues were also caught, with Dick Mento and Vernon Clofford. Water temperature is 62 degrees at the Point, warmer than this time last year. The **Montauk** will be sailing at least until Christmas to take advantage of this fall fishing.

Captain Michael Potts reports the best day of the week was Friday, when a Mr. Messeroff and his friends caught 20 bass to 15 lbs. with three weakfish—in the 12 lb. range along with lots of bluefish on the **Bluefin IV.** Captain Potts is fishing all the tried and true spots near and around the point using both umbrella rigs trolling and diamond jigging. He reports that half the blues and bass caught during the past week took diamonds, as did all the weakfish. The week's catches include 25 weaks and 6 bass on a two day charter with the Dietricks early last week, bass were caught (along with blues) by Mr. Cook on Wednesday, Mr. Stebbins on Thursday and Mr. Miragliotta on Saturday. On Sunday 10-27, bass of 25 and 35 lbs. were among the five caught by Mr. Pepas and his group.

Captain Paul Forsberg reports continued tremendous catches of fine size porgies, the best in 20 years, fishing off Block Island on the **Starship**. Last Wednesday, Jesse and Claudia King of St. Albans had over 150 porgies in their coolers, plus a 5 lb. blackfish which took the pool. Sea bass, flounder and bluefish added variety to our catch. Video footage of this trip will be shown on **Fishing Forecast** over the winter. Local codfishing is slow according to Capt. Forsberg, however, bluefishing is fabulous, with all the fish you care to cart home on Saturday night trips. The last **Viking** Georges Banks trip was such as success, perhaps the best trip yet, that one last trip has been added to the schedule. Most fish on the last trip were caught on bait, a few on jigs. Four fish weighed over 60 lbs. each—many fish in the 40 and 50 lb. range were caught. The next trip is scheduled to leave Montauk Monday

at 9PM, returning Wednesday morning. I expect to make this trip, along with a TV crew.

The charter boat **Pronto** fished Great Eastern on Saturday with Karen Cortesalli and her friends, where about one hundred bluefish to eighteen pounds were caught. Captain Bentevegna reported a run off on a big bass which was lost. The group finished off the day with about two dozen blackfish top weight eight pounds.

Captain John DeMaio reported a fortyfive pound bass caught by Joe Pigano on the **Vivienne** on Thursday. The big fish took a diamond jig. On Sunday morning Dave Crocco and his group caught four bass weighing fifteen, 28, 28, and 47 pounds respectively. Bottom fishing has produced good results with porgies, sea bass to 4½ pounds, blackfish to nine pounds, with bluefish grabbing baits, and often eating hooked fish before you can get them into the boat.

Rip and Phil from the Remmington Realty in Montauk enjoyed a good day's fishing on the **Joy-Sea** on Tuesday. After jigging blues, bass, and weakfish in the morning, bottom fishing at Shagwong resulted in 150 flounder top weight four pounds, and fourty blackfish to ten pounds. Saturday's trip with George Sayer and his friends was a repeat performance in windy conditions.

Tyrone Lewis, fishing on the **Julie III** on Saturday returned wtih a mixed bag. Two dozen blues to 17 pounds, lots of blackfish to 8¼ pounds, large sea bass, one was 5¼ pounds and nearly 100 porgies, top weight 3½ pounds. All fishing took place on the south side, clams were the prime bait.

Captain Bill Ricca fished Great Eastern and the Elbow for blues and bonito on the **Allyssa Ann** on Saturday, with Irv Newman of Westchester. A drop of Cerebus yielded a couple of dozen blackfish in the afternoon. A couple of bass top weight 22 pounds, took jigs Sunday morning at Great Eastern, along with small bluefish, with John Marabella and his group. Blackfish catches slowed down in the afternoon, probably because of the stiff west wind, however a few were caught.

Captain Phil Lewis of the charter boat **Adios** reports a few bass taken on each trip during the past week, with a few weakfish and innumerable bluefish. A trip on Sunday morning with Phil Diresta of Baldwin located five nice size bass which took trolled tubes. Big bluefish have moved close in. A Saturday morning porgy trip with Ernest McMannis found porgies hanging in very well at Great Eastern. Captain Lewis has a few dates for fall trips, bass, blackfish, blues. Call for dates.

Although it was tough fishing in strong winds and full moon tides over the weekend, Captain Steve Mauss with Dennis Owens put 51 blackfish into the cooler of the **Kraken III** on Saturday. Most fish were in the three to five pound range, the largest 9½ pounds. On Sunday, fishing the same spot (Shagwong) Bob Lombardi and his wife caught about fifty fish, the largest 8½ pounds.

Captain Mauss and I lamented the fact that weekends and winds seem to go together this time of year. On Saturday, fishing with Billy Witter, Debby Baker, and George Rogers on Billy's boat "Catch-a-Buzz" along side the **Kraken III** in "untidy" seas to say the least, we were amazed at the amount of blackfish that were taken by us and surrounding boats. Stable sea conditions is all that is needed to get our hooks into bulldog tautogs!

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some returned with five gallon buckets of large flounder, some fifteen inches in length. Best tide appeared to be outgoing, clam bait worked well. Both clam and bunker chum kept the fish close to the boat. A few porgies were caught at Cedar Point during the week. Snappers seem to have left the area.

Tuesday's trip on the **Wilhelric II** found spectacular weather but a slight slowdown in blackfish action. Ben Pincus copped the pool with a fish over ten pounds, among eight in his cooler. My fish, nine pounds five ounces, largest of the five I caught was second. Most anglers had three to eight fish, about one third of them over five pounds. On Wednesday, the fish decided to feed well. Brothers Peter and Eugene Kilowski counted 54 fish in their catch, including the pool winner of 12½ pounds. Captain Lach reported at least ten fish over ten pounds that day. Weekend winds made Mad Dog Reef almost unfishable and unaproachable. Strong west winds combined with full moon tides and bad seas for a nightmarish fishing weekend.

Some flounders, caught in the Shinnecock Basket area, were brought into **Sherry & Joe Corr's Best Boatworks** during the week. Joe spoke of lots of bluefish in the ocean during the week. Since the marina is open all year, and many boats are still in the water, we hope to have some offshore wreck reports as soon as we have a windless weekend.

Although flounders are stirring, most anglers chose to stay indoors over the weekend. Chris Salb of **Bayview Marine and Tackle** in **Sag Harbor** suggests trying Long Wharf Pier or the bulkhead at Northwest Creek where small flounder abound, and Cedar Point for larger fish. Chris also noted that lots of small butterfish and bunker remain in Sag Harbor have been mistaken, by their splashing for snappers.

Thom Speckenback at **Speck's Bait and Tackle** is selling bushels of green crabs to anglers heading to blackfish territory. Outer Shagwong and Cerebus Shoals out of Montauk, or Little Gull and Fischers Island further north. Peconic wrecks are on the slow side. Flounders are settling in at Heady Creek and Shinnecock Basket with mixed reports of flatties west of the Ponquogue Bridge at buoy's 18 and 22 with catches of up to two dozen reported. Anglers fishing Noyac Bay for flounder are also reporting good catches. Blackfish have been caught at the Shinnecock Jetties as well.

Larry Mangarillo saw very nice flounder brought in on a boat rented from **Corr's Mariner's Cove** over the weekend. The anglers fished between the Basket and the east side of the Inlet, returning with fifty flounder from 1¾ to 2 pounds, measuring 16 to 18 inches. Boats will be available for rent at least through November, since the season just appears to be starting for flounder.

South Shore REPORT
with Fred Golofaro

Flounder appear to finally be setting up shop in their usual fall haunts and the current cold snap should do much to improve the fishing even further. The best blackfish run in memory around these parts continues for those who pay heed to the tides. Some big stripers being taken by sharpies now at the inlets and in the back bays on live bait and for offshore fans who haven't had enough, the Bacardi Wreck was once again hot for tuna this past week. Big blues appear to have made a move into the beaches on the weekend so that trollers and jiggers should be able to find big blues just outside from here on in.

MORICHES BAY & INLET

Capt. Ron Schleuter of the **Moriches** based open boat **Alma** called to say that flounder fishing in the bay finally opened up on Saturday. The fish are on the flats and spread from buoy 45 all the way down to Forge River and along Great Gun Beach. Sea bass and blackfish continue to provide plenty of action in the hole at Buoy 42. Friday was spent on a mixed bag of blacks, sea bass and porgies. Saturday saw good catches of flounder on the flats on incoming water. Sunday was tough due to gale force winds but according to the skipper, most fares still managed a decent catch of flatties.

GREAT SOUTH BAY/ FIRE ISLAND INLET

Paul Graniello of **J & J Tackle** in **Patchogue** noted an improvement in the flounder action in the vicinity of the Smith Point Bridge. He also noted a few fish being taken from local docks. Boatmen trolling umbrella rigs from the inlet on out to the Sea Buoy have been doing well with blues. A body of big fish moved into the area on the weekend. Still some excellent blackfish catches being made at Kismet in Great South Bay and along the Moriches Inlet jetties.

Over at **J & R Sports Center** in **Oakdale**, Al Colban spoke of lots of blackfish still being taken at Kismet with an increasing number of tog showing up on the outside reef where they are mixed with sea bass and porgies. Flounder fishing came to life with many anglers reporting a decent pick of fish from Heckscher, East Islip Buoy 2, Snake Hill Channel and opposite Good Sam Hospital. Some nice flatties are being taken along with the smaller fish. Al knew of several boatmen who trolled plenty of blues on the weekend working both east and west of Fire Island Inlet.

From Captree Boat Basin, Capt. Richie Leitch of the open boat **Capt. Leitch** called to report an improvement in the flounder action. He added that he suspects that this is finally the start to the fall run and expects the best of the fishing to occur in November. Richie has been working the State Channel but also had some decent action in the open bay, particularly on the Babylon flats. The bigger flatties, to 2 pounds are being taken in the open bay. On Saturday's trip, Howie D'Amico finished with 16 flatties, John Wurm had a dozen and Bob Topielarski and Pete Adams combined for 23 keepers.

Capt. Charlie Kennedy of the **Captree** open boat **Capt. Joseph II** reported good sea bass and blackfish action all week with the exception of Thursday (due to a heave) on ocean reefs and wrecks. He added that more blackfish are mixing with sea bass and porgies on the reef as water temperatures begin to drop. On Wednesday's trip, Sam Mervin counted 42 sea bass to 4 pounds and

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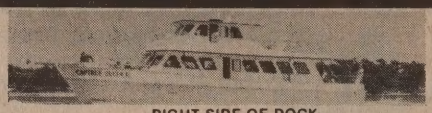

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blacks to 5 pounds. On Saturday a load of porgies ranging from ½ to 3 pounds were taken in addition to the sea bass and blackfish. Fourteen year old Ricky Zaldes had the biggest sea bass, a 4.6 pounder. Sunday saw good sea bass and porgy action on the first drop in the morning but increasing winds (to 40 mph) quickly curtailed the action. Benjamin Minosa and Lisa Narducci shared pool honors with sea bass of 3.4 pounds.

Capt. George Bartenbach who has been handling the helm of the **Captree** open boat **Capt. Rod** for Capt. Rod Westerlind called to report that flounder are now on the move with a showing of some big fish to the east near the Blue Point line. George felt that while things are off to a late start, November should produce some excellent flounder action. Congratulations from the Fisherman crew on the birth of the Bartenbach's new baby girl, Lisa.

Capt. Joe DiLiberto of the **Captree** charter boat **Prime Time** inadvertantly enjoyed his best blackfish day of an already excellent season on Saturday. Fishing a party of 20 headed by Frank Casillo, the skipper had the fares drop over their lines to kill a little time while he made some adjustments to the fuel line. By the time he returned to the deck, numerous blacks were already bouncing around in the buckets. Joe said that he was amazed at the quality of the fish which ran from 3 to 6 pounds and included a number of fish in the 7-8 pound range. He added that 7-8 double headers were taken by the party during the day.

Over at **Captree Bait and Tackle** Noel Kappauf said that shorebound anglers continue to cash in on some fine blackfish action as well. He looked over several impressive scores made near the remains of the old Construction Dock opposite Parking Field 2, Robert Moses. He added that blacks were also taken from the Robert Moses Piers and from the shore adjacent to the north side of the R.M. Bridge.

Capt. Gordon Roman of the **Captree Queen** spoke of good sea bass, porgie and blackfish action all week long. There has been a gradual but noticeable increase in the number of blackfish making up the catches this week. On the weekend, Saturday saw excellent action with catches of 20 to 30 fish per man the norm. On Sunday, action was off due to strong west winds. Saturday night marked the last night bluefish trip of the season and fares were treated to a super night of fishing on a wreck south of F.I. Inlet. Fish were mixed in size from 4 pounds up into the low teens with a good portion of the fish around the 10 pound mark.

Capt. Bob Newbauer of the open boat **Miss Babylon** reported some pretty decent flounder fishing now in the bay between Lindenhurst and Massapequa. He has been working the East/West Channel and the Copiague Hole and said that most fish average ¾ of a pound and run to 1¼ pounds. On Saturday's trip, Bob Rose led the way with over 30 flatties. On Sunday, fares managed a good

steady pick despite strong west winds. Bloodworms and clams have been doing the trick.

Tom Healy of **Augie's Tackle Shop** in **Babylon** said that while there was some excellent blackfishing during the week, it seemed to slow on the weekend due to the moon tides. On Tuesday, Bob Frank and Al Smith used green crabs to bag 45 blacks to 7½ pounds at Kismet. They had all their action on outgoing water. There was a definite improvement in flounder fishing towards the end of the week with several good catches reported from buoy 4-Snake Hill Channel and on the north side of the bay opposite Pace Landing, just east of the Captree Bridge. Artie Orlandi of Augie's put his crew to work near buoy 4 in Sunday's wind. Despite the gusty blasts, they managed 15 flounder, 2 kingfish and 20 blue claw crabs on flounder hooks. Casters working the Oak Beach shore with sandworms have been doing fairly well with kingfish. Snappers appear to have had it but crabbing remains very good. For offshore fans, tuna action was in top form on the Bacardi during the week but fizzled on the weekend.

Speaking from **Lindenhurst Bait and Tackle**, Mike Andreani reported some decent flounder fishing underway in the bay and added that chumming has been important for the better scores. On Saturday, the Steffens family accounted for 25 flatties off of Bergen Point. Mike named the State Channel from Fox Island to Gilgo as productive. The best of the fishing now appears to be in the East/West Channel from Bergen Point to Copiague on the north side of the bay. Quite a few blue claw crabs are mixed with the flatties on flounder hooks. Blackfishing remains hot at Kismet, particularly during the last two hours of the flood. Some very big blacks continue to be taken with green crabs appearing to have the edge on the bulldogs. Fish of 9 and 12 pounds top this week's action. Several sharpies have been quietly livelining a few big stripers in Fire Island and Jones Inlets as well as in the back bays. Some very good crabbing with traps in the pocket adjacent to the Sore Thumb at Oak Beach.

Bob Vitale of **Bob's Bait and Tackle** in **Amity Harbor** reported that Dave Pincus aboard his Hey Lady jigged a box of blues in 85' of water outside F.I. Inlet on Sunday morning. On Saturday, Pat and Joe Grasso worked off the sewer plant and put away 40 nice flatties. Sunday, Irwin and Renee Davidson managed 15 flatties while working the flats off of Good Samaritan Hospital in West Islip. Still good blackfish scores being made on bay reefs and wrecks with the best fishing found when current slacking. Lou Clementz weighed a 17.1 pound bluefish taken on bunker near the bridges to take over the lead in the Shop bluefish contest.

Frank Pristera of **Edelman's** in **Farmingdale** reported a catch of 35 flatties taken by Kevin Hoffman and

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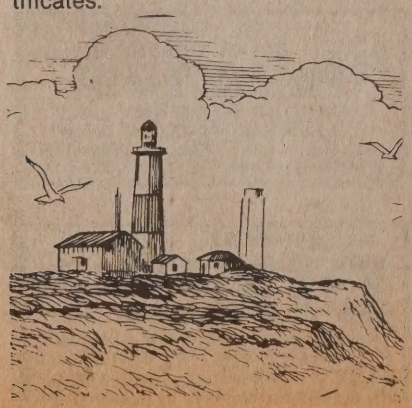
Charlie Mouton off of Lindenhurst on Thursday. Blacks are still good at Kismet and there are plenty of blues for umbrella rig trollers in 40-50' of water SE of the inlet. Just a few tuna taken over the Bacardi on Saturday following a week of hot action. Frank relayed the winners of the South Shore Fishing Association's annual contest. Fred Walters scored with a 5 pound fluke; Mike Grasso, an 11.2 pound weak; Angelo Ditoro, a 14 pound blue; Bob Lamonte, a 168 pound shark; Jack Snow, a 48 pound yellowfin tuna and Ed Finn, a 71 pound white marlin. The winners shared in $650 in Edelman's gift certificates.



West End REPORT

with Stu Miller

Bluefishing continued this week to be mostly good to excellent, depending on the day. These are all bruiser type fish up into the high teens and low 20s, the biggest that the season has to offer. Flounder action has been picky to good depending on the day, but mostly picky with best catches in the Wantagh areas. Tunas continue to smash baits in the Bacardi area. Blackfishing continues super at the bridges, wrecks, rocks and jetties.

WEST END BAYS/ JONE'S INLET

From **Wanser's Tackle** in Seaford, Lon tells of very good flounder catches for most of his customers this week, with hotspots being Massapequa Cove, Squaw and West Islands and Four Corners. Chumming is a must and fish are going to 1¼ lbs. at the Cove. All tides appear to be working. Blackfish at all the bridges and at the Rota and T Wrecks, action great on fiddlers and greens. Plenty of bluefish outside from mediums to alligators. Stripers being taken on clam at Black Banks and in the State Channel with a 41 lber. falling to a drift whole bunker in the state channel, at Zachs Bay midweek in the morning light.

We hear from John at **Pop's Fishing Station** that flounder action has been up and down, but people are getting fish on every trip. Worm and mussel chum seem to be the key, with clam chum working also. Best has been from the 1st to the 3rd Wantagh bridges on the east side, mainly at buoys 13 and 14. Blackfish at all the bridges and also scattered on the various mussel beds. The 2nd and 3rd Wantagh are particularly blackfish infested. BCCs still going strong at Fort Neck Point off Amityville.

We hear from Bobby at **Causeway Bait and Tackle** in Wantagh that on Wednesday Paul Grippo bagged a 14½ lb. weak on sand worm at the 3rd Wantagh. Bobby also told of spotty floundering at the CG station, Masspequa Cove and Merrick Bay. He rounded it up by saying the blackfishing was good at all bridges on fiddlers and greens.

Over at **Garan's Tackle** in Merrick, Gary's customers brought back word of good flounder fishing in the back bays, particularly off Nicks, the golf course, and the high flats drain area. Some big bass and stray weakfish at the Big M on live bunker and also on clam chum at night. Blackfishing continues very good at the bridges and there's loads of jumbo blues out at Cholera.

Moving into the Freeport area, the **Starstream II** which is presently on a weekend sailing schedule reports an excellent Saturday and Sunday of bluefishing at Cholera with all big fish from 10 to 18 lbs. Catches averaged 6 to 15 gorillas a man on bait, jigs and sinker rigs.

Aboard the **Miss Freeport II** this week, there was good floundering Monday through Wednesday with action tailing off towards the weekend. All action was local and fish ranged up to 1¼ lbs.

A call from the **Bluefin Fleet** told of bluefish trips being excellent, fish to 16½ lbs., all locally. Bait and chum was the ticket said Capt.Sy. Tom Mitchell of the NYC Fire Department and Sonny Czeisel of Lynbrook both had 16½ lb. fish, followed up by fish of 15 and 14½ lbs. caught by Al Holmes and Mark Cohen. High hook of the week was in the upper teens. Bay trips have had mixed catches of flounder, sea bass, porgies, blues and kings.

Word from the **Capt. Lou Fleet** is that on the full day boat Tuesday saw 34 flounder for Lou Schlrop. On Mon-

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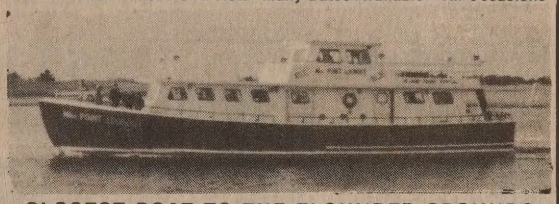

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day Doris Biviano of Massapequa had 32 and returned Wednesday for 31 more. High hooks have been in the 20s and 30s with fish ranging from 1/2 to 2 lbs. On the half day boat high hooks have been in the 15s to 20s. The skipper says flounder action should boom again as soon as the water cools and for you to note his Fall Flounder Derby is now under way.

A call from the charter boat **Nan-Sea** told of Saturday's trip for Tom, Tom Jr. and Pete Mulligan taking bfts and albes at the Bacardi Saturday. The BFTs ran 50 to 60 lbs. Sunday's trip for Ron Nicholson of Staten Island saw decent blackfishing in very rough seas on some local wrecks, along with a few pin bass and porgies.

Aboard the charter boat **Lady J III** Saturday's trip for Pfizer Fishing Club saw good catches of sea bass, porgies and blacks on a local wreck, while Saturday's night trip for the John Russell group of E. Northport put away some giant bluefish at Cholera and had a lot of big dogfish.

Bob at the **Freeport Boatmens Association** advised that the **Super Spray II** and the charter boats have been catching extremely well on blacks and sea bass with a sprinkling of porgies. Giant blues at Cholera with doggies moving in at night to mix it up.

In the Pt. Lookout area, Capt. Ron of the **Miss Point Lookout** says there's been a bit of an increase in the week's flounder catches with high hooks in the 20s some days. Long and Swift Creeks have picked up. On Wednesday PM, regular Lisa, bagged a 2 lb. pool flattie while Ely Hochman took the honors on Saturday's AM trip with a 1¾ lber.

We hear from the **Capt. Al** that bluefishing was excellent Monday through Saturday on bluefish, sea bass and porgies. There were a few blackfish, but they didn't come on that strong. Sunday was okay, but the wind didn't help much. Bluefishing has been absolutely super at Cholera with the biggest kind of blues being caught. Angler Banks has been the spot for sea bass and porgies. Al said there have been some doggies mixed in. The bluefish trips of Friday night and Saturday night had excellent results at Cholera. The skipper advises that if you plan to come down for the Friday night or Saturday night trip, to call first, as the boat may or may not sail, depending on the number of people who come down.

On the charter boat **Marie III** this week, Wednesday's trip for Western Nassau P.O. had excellent catches at the Big M on mixed sea bass, blacks and flounder on worm and clam. They also had fair floundering in Swift and Long Creeks. Saturday's trip for the Point Lookout Fishing club picked away at flounder and sea bass at the Big M and at the mouth of Woodcleft canal. On Sunday the Double T fishing club worked an inshore wreck in strong tide and wind and picked away at sea bass, porgies and blackfish.

Bill at **Ed's Fishing Station** told of Saturday's Catch for Jim Grubel and buddies with their 35 flatties caught on worm and clam in Swift Creek, fish to 2 lbs. Long and Scow creeks were also productive said Bill. Good blackfish catches at the Meadowbrook bridge on fiddlers on high outgoing, while nice blues are being trolled in

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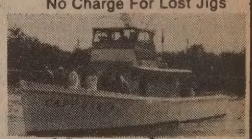

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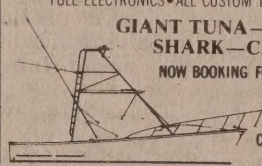

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Charlie at **Beckmann's Tackle** in Lynbrook told of the 15 lb. weak taken Saturday PM on a live bunker in Jamaica Bay by Fred Galbraith of Meadowmere Park. Excellent blackfishing said Charlie at all the bridges, wrecks and jetties on fiddlers and greens. Smallish flounder in Sloop Channel with better sizes in the Magnolia Pier area of Reynolds, however, numbers have been poor.

NEW YORK BIGHT

From **Cross Bay Bait and Tackle** on Jamaica Bay we learn that north and south channel bridges have been producing blackfish best this week averaging 1 to 1½ lbs. on fiddlers and green crab, best on the flood. Flounder action has been slowly improving.

The Wee Willie report from **Mike's Tackle** directly across from the fleet in Sheepshead Bay passed on the news of lots of the biggest kind of bluefish at Farms and 17 both day and night. The Wee one also told of lots of doggies moving in at Cholera as the water starts to cool off. There continues to be strong tuna action at the Bacardi for albes, yfts, bft and bet. Blackfish and sea bass have been a hot number of Seabright while fair floundering is being had in the bay and just outside with blackfish.

We learn from Capt. Al Coley of the **Betty W. III** that his fares had excellent bluefishing all week long right through Sunday with all fish 10 to 20 lbers., real tackle busters. All action was at Cholera and 17. There are also albes mixed in at the beginning of the week and Al said blues are being caught on diamonds, bait stripped out and also on sinker rigs fished on the bottom.

Aboard the **Zephyr** this week, the flounder fishing ranged from picky to good on the days the boat got out, with Scotland and Ambrose being the best areas for blacks and sea bass. High hook Saturday was 35 mixed fish.

North Shore REPORT
with Marty Carrell

Strong winds and full moon tides interfered with bottom fishing in deeper waters to the east, but fishing throughout most of the region remained surprisingly good. Waters were still warm enough to produce a variety of species.

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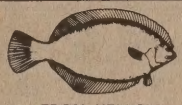

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WESTERN SOUND

Jack's Bait on **City Island** figured on another five weeks for bait and information this season. John DiCuffa explained that all kinds of fish were on tap. Bluefish could be found from the Throgs Neck to Steppingstone Light, and there were still porgies off Sands Point and Prospect Point. Flounder were showing in Orchard Beach Lagoon and off Half Moon Beach while tautog action was solid in deep water around Pea Island, Steppingstone and Execution Rock Lights.

The **Glen Cove Sport Shop** report featured large bluefish off Crescent Beach and tautog as well. There were still bluefish in the harbors. Mike Riccardi had a thirty pound bass and Russ Liotta managed a 14.3 weakfish during the past two weeks. Other leaders in the shop's 1985 contest were John Dorniak's 11.9 tautog, Jeff Storcz's incredible 4.0 scup, Paul Young's 2.15 winter flounder, and Tom Sabbatino's 8.9 summer flounder.

The **Klondike VIII** was fishing for blackfish exclusively now and had some fine fishing on the Connecticut side for fish in the five to eight pound class. The big New Rochelle boat will be sailing until Thanksgiving.

NORTH SHORE MID-ISLAND

Jerry Cedar at **Huntington Prop** called to say that there had been a late season blast of weakfish in the Centerport area with ten fish over ten pounds on the shop scales. Chris Bellock had an outstanding brace of tiderunners, 14 and 18 pounds that he took on bunker strips. Bob Cedar took an 11.8 blackfish from local mussel beds with the Three F Fishing Club. Walter Stuven had a few bass in the twenty's including a 26.8 linesider.

George Valentine at **Four Winds** in **Huntington Station** said that Saturday was great for tautog around 11B with two ten pounders, three nine pounder and countless seven to eight pound fish on the scales. Target Rock and Marshall Field had smaller fish in abundance. There were still a few large bluefish under the bunker schools around Sand City and Centerport, but some of the best action for numbers of choppers was off Eatons, the OB, and Buoy 15. Bill Collins of the **Ever Ready** had one of the best days of the year on Saturday for fish in the two to six pound range. Average bags were twentyfive to thirty fish. One eight pound bass was in Friday's catch.

There was a good percentage of keeper bass for those who drifted worms off Buoy 13, and there were lots of flounder to ¾ pound in the harbors and off local docks.

Tom Bowman at **Bowman's** had a pair of keeper bass himself on Saturday and Sunday fishing the Sound side of Asharoken. There were tons of small sandeels in the area although the bunker seem to have been cleared out by the bunker fleet. Good plugs from the beaches are needlefish types, Kastmasters in 1½ ounce size and Jointed Rebels. Some of the best inshore fishing was on flounder, porgies, and butterfish.

Bill at the **Caraftis Fishing Station** was busy pulling the livery skiffs, but the store will be carrying bait through

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November 12th. The best fishing on Saturday was for porgies off Oldfield and in the harbor.

Ralph's Fishing Station will remain open with a full supply of crabs for tautog fanatics until about November 15th. The Complete Angler in Miller Place said that the Shoreham pipe was tops for blackfish and that the beaches were beginning to yield good results with poppers as well as bunker.

NORTH FORK

The **Port of Egypt** in **Southold** was seeing some tautog from the Brickyard and Greenlawns areas with most fish in the two to three pound class. Jessups still had a few bluefish. Flounder were available inside Gull Pond, according to Art White at the **A.P. White Bait Shop**. You could also anchor on either side of Orient Point, weather permitting. Most of the bass in reports were small, but Fred Fiedler had a 56 pounder on a bucktail, and bluefish in slammer sizes were stacked up in the Gut and points east. Water temperatures were holding up with a 59 degree reading off Fisher's Island on Friday.

Richie Jensen of the **Nancy Ann** told us that Regina Anderson's 14½ pound tiderunner, taken on a jelly worm off Shelter Island on June 22nd, has now been confirmed as a new women's world record in the ten kilogram (20 pound) line class. Night bucktailing has been quite good for big bluefish and bass weather permitting. The **Nancy Ann** had sixteen linesiders on Friday night and the **Nancy Ann II** managed at least eight.

Large Blackfish continue to impress in catches around Fisher's Island but evil weather conditions and strong tides have prevented sustained angling there. Most of the party craft, including the **Nancy Ann II**, **Peconic Star**, **Prime Time III**, and **Brand X** have been working for short periods on slack water and then picking at tautog in other places. Larry Porter of the **Brand X** has had fish in the ten to eleven pound class every day despite rough weather, and Dan Buckley Jr. of the **Nancy Ann II** weighed Sunday's pool winner at 11.0. The biggest fish of the week on that boat was Terrance Stuart's enormous 14.10, taken on a Wednesday trip with the 562 Fishing Club.

Thursday was a banner day for the **Peconic Star** with Lynwood Shanks, George Chamblee, and John Gutman wrestling for the pool with tautog in the 11.13 pound range. Numbers were impressive despite strong tides on the full moon.

Surf REPORT
with Fred Golofaro

Big bluefish finally exploded along much of the south shore over the weekend and treated anglers to some memorable blitz-like action. Reports of wild action stretched from south fork beaches through Moriches, F.I. National Seashore, Robert Moses, Cedar and Jones Beach. While big choppers makde the week for the majority of casters, a couple of memorable stripers did filter their way into the reports as well.

Concerning the wild bluefish action, Robert Moses, particularly Parking Field 4, seemed to serve as a hub for many casters in this area. According to Dave Canale of **J & R Sports Center** in **Oakdale** Sunday was the big day at Robert Moses with a steady stream of casters parading in with big blues and to replenish lost tackle. Mike Sala checked in with 15 choppers to 15½ pounds. Mike was already on the board for a 22 pound striper he took on a tin and tube combo in the same general area on Wednesday. Again on Sunday, Ira Marder clicked with 12 big blues to 15 pounds as did Harry Reid with 12 blues from 12-15 pounds. Dawn and Gene Barry found their share of the action to the east at Smith Point. They used Hopkins to take 15 blues from 10 to 15 pounds.

Mike Andreani of **Lindenhurst Bait and Tackle** reported lots of big blues taken at Robert Moses Fields 2, 3 and 4 on poppers, needlefish and bait over the weekend. The fish were still there early Monday morning as Mike managed to cash in on the action himself and reported wild action on poppers as the fish had bunker pushed up in the wash.

Bob Glanda checked in at **Causeway Bait and Tackle** in **Wantagh** with 12 blues to 17 pounds taken at Robert Moses on poppers Monday AM.

Over at **Augie's Tackle Shop** in **Babylon**, Tom Healy said that the influx of big blues in the local surf was evident in the increase in tackle repairs over the weekend. Numerous casters stopped to show their catches and several had up to a dozen of the big slammers. Ken Ryder had a 16½ pound chopper in addition to 5 others on big Rebels. Other casters reported fish on Ava 27-tube combos and most any plug. Tom added that there was a flurry of school bass action early in the week near Gilgo on Ava 27s with white tubes.

Noel Kappauf at **Captree Bait and Tackle** reported that big blues finally showed in the local surf on Saturday with blitz-like fishing on Sunday and

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also early Monday morning. Fish were taken all along the Robert Moses shore and Cedar Beach. Among those who took the time to put fish on the scale were Billy "Blitz" Laghezza with a 17.5 pounder taken at Field 4 Monday AM. On Sunday, Rich Downey weighed his biggest at 15.3 at Field 4. Vincent Riggio had a 15.8 at Field 3. Sunday's action spilled over to Cedar Beach where George Wade had fish of 16.9 and 17.1 pounds. Gary Innes scored with a 13.2 pounder. The fish range for the most part from 12 to 15 pounds with occasional smaller fish and reports of some fish pushing the 20 pound mark.

Charlie Beckmann of **Beckmann's Tackle** in **Lynbrook** said that Jones Beach/West End 2 was alive with big blues on Saturday. He remarked that everyone had fish and that plugs, tins and bait all accounted for action. Aside from all the bluefish activity, Charlie had an impressive weak as well as a pair of very notable stripers to report. Phil Probeck had the weak, a 12.6 pound tiderunner taken on a bunker chunk at Point Lookout Thursday afternoon. Thursday night, Dan Castalano of Brooklyn returned from Breezey Point with a 45.2 pound striper which is destined for mounting. Saturday evening, Fred Korzan threatened the 50 pound mark with a 48 pound striper taken on bunker from the Beach 86th St. jetty in the Rockaways.

Prior to the influx of big blues along the Fire Island Shore, Anthony Donato used an Ava 27/red tube combo to drill a 26 pound striper from the Robert Moses Field 4 surf.

There was another very notable striper taken in the Rockaways near Riis Park on Thursday morning. Empire Striper Club member Charles Marquardt, using a 5½" Rebel nailed a 43¼ pound cow. He added that he has been taking plenty of small bass (shorts) in the area and that this was his first good fish in two weeks of fishing. The big bass was weighed at **Cross Bay Bait and Tackle** in **Jamaica Bay.**

Paul Graniello at **J & J Tackle** in **Patchogue** reported similarly wild bluefish action along the Smith Point and National Seashore shoreline on the weekend. The big blitz occured on Sunday as scores of casters got in on the action which saw big blues chasing bunker and mullet right up onto the sand. Aside from the wild daytime action, there were also some good scores made by anglers fishing bait during the hours of darkness. Patchogue Fishing Club members Andy Torre and Dan Steigerwald used bunker chunks to take 9 teen sized choppers before dawn on Saturday. Andy repeated the act early Sunday with Joe Modica and they did even better with the big blues. Back to Sunday's blitz, Dave Hassell weighed blues up to 17½ pounds, Tom Obo had fish to 14, Mike Maple scored with blues to 12 pounds while Brook Lea had a 12.8. Most of the fish seemed to range from 10 pounds into the low

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teens with a couple of smaller fish and several fish reported into the high teens as well. Plugs were accounting for the majority of the fish in the daytime but most artificials took fish. The Patchogue Fishing Club's weekend tourney was settled by Tom Kehlenbeck with a 15.2 pound blue. George Remien had a 15 pounder while George Deitz nailed down the third spot with a 13.2 pounder. Not all the news from these parts was blue. On Friday night, Billy Sembler clicked with bass of 10 and 12 pounds as well as a pair of 5 pound weaks. Harold Keyes clicked with bass in the teens while Ben Dobrie nailed a striper of 29 pounds at the National Seashore.

Along the South Fork on Thursday, Allen Jones and Diane found all the bluefish they could handle at Cooper's Beach in Southampton. Allen reported a massive blitz from 1 in the afternoon through the evening and said that he and Diane accounted for somewhere between 40 and 50 choppers.

There were plenty of blues along Montauk's south side as well. Blair Moger figured he must have landed 80 choppers and somehow drilled out a pair of school bass as well fishing near Hither Hills. He used strictly tin.

Johnny Kronuch of **Johnny's Tackle Shop** in **Montauk** reported bluefish blitzed sand beaches on Friday but the action trickled to just a few fish on the weekend with a couple of isolated exceptions. Action up front has been very slow with just an occasional weakfish and a couple of small bass being taken from North Bar to the Light. There were a lot of school bass being taken during the week as well as a few fish in the teens and into the 30s. This was all on the Point's south side with darters and needlefish plugs accounting for the bulk of the action. Ray Solinas used a yellow darter to take fish of 18 and 14 pounds on Friday night.

While north shore reports are lacking, rumors indicate that its not for a lack of action. Reports of bluefish spread from Huntington east to the North Fork and school bass spread along much of the north shore have been filtering in. Some of the blues have been huge. Stan Hentschel of **Rocky Point Fishing Stop** weighed one of 21.8 pounds for Billy Stoltz this week. Most of the best bass action has been after dark with most of the fish shorts but increasing number of keepers mixing in.

Freshwater REPORT
with Tom Schlichter

Plenty of action this past week for those who fished the "sweet water". Largemouth and smallmouth bass were both in cooperative moods as were carp, pickerel, and most types of panfish. White perch have begun moving into tidal creeks in fair numbers but are not being taken with

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any consistency as of yet.

Capr have been the main attraction of late at the Twin Lakes in Wantagh, according to Bob Turturello of **Causeway Bait and Tackle**. Several fish in the high teens were taken on bread and doughball baits this week and one fish weighed in pushed the scale to 22 pounds. A few crappies, pickerel, and bass have fallen for killie baits at the same location.

Fred Laager of **Edelman's Bait and Tackle** of **Farmingdale**, reported a busy week, noting that bass and pickerel fishing in the Peconics has picked up. Bill Ambrosino fished the west end of Forge Pond on Wednesday and finished with five pickerel to twenty inches. Bill used a spinner with an earthworm trailer to dupe his fish and also connected with several small bass. Fishing the southern bank of Lower Yaphank Lake, Rich Heller used a flyrod and popping bugs to click with four smallmouth bass to fourteen inches early in the week. Bumble bee, orange and grey bugs did the trick. On Seatucket's Mill Pond, Larry Watlers used bread baits and a #4 hook to score with carp of 3.25 and 5 pounds.

From **J&R Sports Center** in **Oakdale**, we learned that pickerel fishing on Artist Lake in Middle Island has been pretty good. Killies and small rebel lures both producing fish in the 17-20 inch range. Closer to the shop, anglers have been taking small to medium sized trout at Bubbles Falls. Richard Miller used a worm here to catch a 1.5 pound brookie and Michael Catera used a doughbass to take an 11 incher.

Over at **J&J Bait and Tackle**, in **Patchogue**, John passed on word that Tom Flynn worked the Patchogue Mill Pond where he nailed a two pound largemouth bass. A lot of panfish have been getting in the act here also. Quite a few white perch have moved into the tidal creeks but they are not really feeding as of yet. Killies have been the best baits here when you can find them.

Al Schreier of **The Sportsman's Center** in **Medford**, told us that since it has cooled off, he has been getting consistently good reports from the Peconics, Artist Lake, and the Yaphank Lakes. Al feels that the next two weeks are going to be good ones so get out there and give those lakes a try.

At the **Fisherman's Deli** in **Riverhead**, George Devlin reports that bass and pickerel are both in a feeding mood but there haven't been many fishermen out to give them a go. The water level on the Peconic River is back up to its normal level so the panfish should be feeding too.

From upstate Rochester New York, Bill Johnson of **Odessey Charters** informed us that his boat is now out of the water for the winter but anglers working the Genesse River have had their hands full with salmon, some to 28 pounds. In Lake Ontario, anglers are taking steelhead and brown trout on egg sack baits.

High Tide Tables

How to use tide tables: To compute the high tide for the area you wish to fish, simply find the closest area on the conversion table. Add or subtract the hours and minutes as indicated from that area station above. Example: Shinnecock Inlet . . . −0 50 is listed under "On SANDY HOOK." −0 50 means you subtract 50 minutes from the times given for the SANDY HOOK STATION for the day you are going fishing. This is the approximate time for the high tide in the area. For low tide, add 6½ hours to this figure.

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FRI.	9:35	9:55	10:25	10:50	10:00	10:25	11:05	11:45	12:45	12:50	12:55	1:05	9:40	10:00	11/1
SAT.	10:05	10:40	11:10	11:35	10:35	11:20	11:45	—	1:20	1:25	1:35	1:45	10:25	10:50	11/2
SUN.	10:50	11:35	11:55	—	11:20	—	12:35	12:35	2:05	2:10	2:20	2:30	11:10	11:40	11/3
MON.	11:40	—	12:25	12:45	12:15	12:15	1:35	1:25	2:50	3:05	3:10	3:20	—	12:05	11/4
TUES.	12:30	12:40	1:20	1:45	1:10	2:15	2:35	2:30	3:45	4:00	4:05	4:20	12:40	1:05	11/5
WED.	1:35	1:45	2:25	2:45	2:10	2:15	3:35	3:40	4:45	5:05	5:00	5:20	1:45	2:05	11/6
THURS.	2:35	2:50	3:25	3:45	3:10	3:25	4:30	4:40	5:50	6:10	6:00	6:25	2:45	3:05	11/7

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Sakonnet	−1 10
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Prudence Is., Sandy Point	+1 10
Bristol	+1 10
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Nayatt Point	+0 12
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Wickford	+0 12
Narragansett Pier	−0 08
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BLOCK ISLAND	
Great Salt Pond	+0 05
Block Island (Old Harbor)	−0 14
Watch Hill Point	+0 44

Sunrise/Sunset

DAY / DATE:	RISE:	SET:
THU. 10/31	6:32	4:55
FRI. 11/1	6:33	4:54
SAT. 11/2	6:34	4:53
SUN. 11/3	6:35	4:51
MON. 11/4	6:36	4:50
TUE. 11/5	6:38	4:49
WED. 11/6	6:39	4:48

Moonrise/Moonset

DAY / DATE:	RISE:	SET:
THU. 10/31	6:26PM	9:15AM
FRI. 11/1	7:07PM	10:16AM
SAT. 11/2	7:57PM	11:12AM
SUN. 11/3	8:55PM	12:03PM
MON. 11/4	9:59PM	12:46PM
TUE. 11/5	11:07PM	1:23PM
WED. 11/6	—	1:54PM

Moon Phases

NEW	1st Qtr.	FULL	Last Qtr.
10/14	10/20	10/28	11/5

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	AM Minor	AM Major	PM Minor	PM Major
Thurs.	6:15	12:05	6:45	12:30
Fri.	7:05	12:55	7:35	1:20
Sat.	8:00	1:50	8:30	2:15
Sun.	8:55	2:45	9:30	3:15
Mon.	9:55	3:45	10:25	4:10
Tues.	11:00	4:40	11:20	5:05
Wed.	11:35	5:25	—	5:50
Thurs.	12:05	6:10	12:20	6:35

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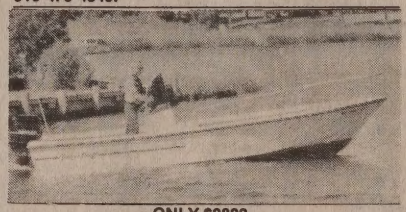

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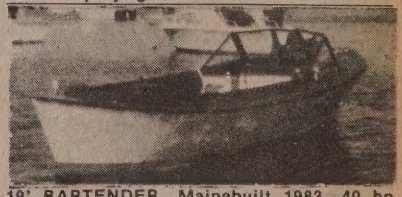

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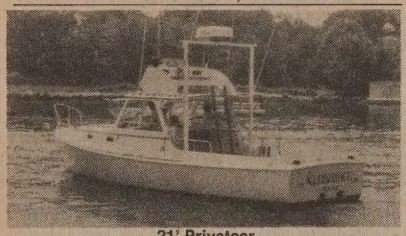

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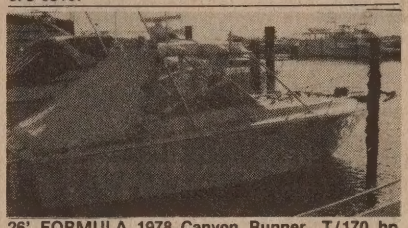

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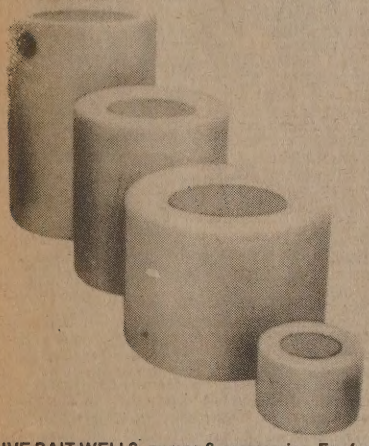

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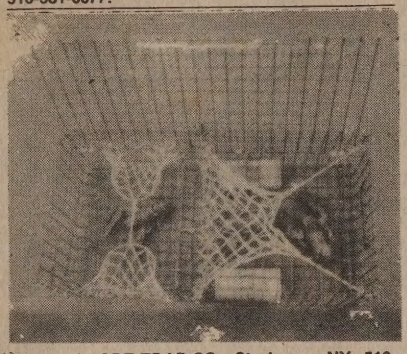

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